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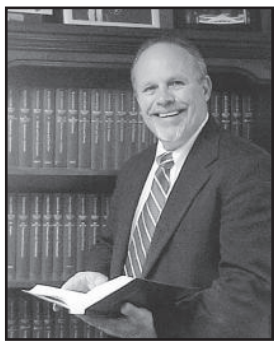
Anoatubby-Keel ticket unopposed; Green, Briggs, Alexander defeat opponents

Gov. Anoatubby, Lt. Gov. Keel, officials re-elected

Gov. Anoatubby

Lt. Gov. Keel

Mark Colbert



Tim Colbert

Mary Jo Green

Linda Briggs

Beth Alexander

On Wednesday, the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission announced results of the July 31 Chickasaw Nation election.

All incumbents on the ballot were re-elected.

Pontotoc District Seat 5 incumbent Mary Jo Green won re-election with more than 72 percent of the vote.

Mrs. Green received 2,053 votes. Challenger Jeannie Coplin received 540 votes and third-place finisher James Page received 236 votes.

Incumbent Linda Briggs received 1,173 votes to win re-election to Pickens District Seat 3. Challenger Wilson Seawright received 900 votes.

Incumbent Beth Alexander won Panola District Seat 1. Mrs. Alexander received 336 votes, while challenger Beryl F. Sears received 281 votes.

Tishomingo District Seat 2 incumbent Timothy K. Colbert won re-election. No challengers filed for this seat.

Incumbent Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lieutenant Governor Jefferson Keel were re-elected without challenge.

Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Seat 1 incumbent Mark Holmes Colbert also won re-election without challenge.

Candidates who did not receive a challenger are elected by a one-vote margin. The act of filing for office is counted as an affirmative vote.

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission conducted and supervised the ballot counting at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada on July 31, 2007 beginning at 11 a.m.

Election winners will be sworn into office 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. ober 1 in the large conference room of Chickasaw Nation Headquarters, 520 East Arlington, Ada.

For information, contact Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary Rita Loder at (580) 310-6475.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Applications now available for Princess Pageant contestants

Young Chickasaw women once again have the opportunity to vie for the honor of serving as Chickasaw royalty. The Chickasaw Princess Committee is now accepting applications for the 2007-2008 Chickasaw Princess Pageant, set for October 1, 2007 in Ada, Oklahoma.

This annual event, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Services Division, celebrates the tradition and style of dynamic Chickasaw women by displaying the talents and charisma of pageant contestants.

Participants compete to earn the honor of serving as either Chickasaw Princess, 17 to 23 years of age; Chickasaw Junior Princess, 12 to 16 years of age; or Little Miss Chickasaw, 7 to 11 years of age.

"Each year the princess pageant brings out the best in our young Chickasaw ladies," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "It's exciting to watch them share our culture and heritage on stage."

Applicants must be residents of the Chickasaw Nation, be a minimum one-quarter Chickasaw, be a registered Chickasaw citizen, be the required age by the date of the pageant, never have been married, must not have any children, must never have served as a princess in the respective category, must have reliable transportation, abstain from the use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco products during the reign as princess, attend public or private school and be working toward a diploma or be a high school graduate or equivalent. Contestants must also attend an orientation workshop and must provide their traditional dress.

The new crowned royalty will have the honor and privilege of representing the Chickasaw Nation at various functions and events across several states.

The Chickasaw princesses have been making appearances for many years. The heritage of the princesses goes back to 1963 when Ranell (James) Harry, daughter of former Chickasaw Governor Overton James, was appointed the first princess.

The current 2006-2007 Chick-

See **Princess Pageant** *page 42*

Governor Anoatubby with the 2006-2007 Chickasaw Royalty. From left, Little Miss Chickasaw Princess Caitlynn Sparlin, Junior Miss Chickasaw Princess Nacobi Walker, and Chickasaw Princess Monica Seawright.

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REGULAR SESSION
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June 15, 2007

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Scott Colbert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

Members absent: Donna Hartman, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Betty Frazier, Allison Frazier, Briana Smith, Chelsea Wedlow, Melissa Walker, James A. Humes, Thirkiel Wedlow, Karen Wisdom, Darla Wolf, Kevin Wisdom, Mary Smith, Rachel Wedlow, Haskell Alexander, Rose Shields Jefferson, Noah Wisdom, Larry Sims, Barbara Goodman, Jeff Frazier, Paul Yates, Traile Glory, Kim McDaniels, Ramona Miller, Sheila Bennett

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Chickasaw Nation Chaplain, Jeff Frazier.

Special Presentation

The Boiling Springs Church Children's Choir introduced themselves and sang two songs in Chickasaw.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - May 18, 2007

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve the May 18, 2007 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of May 18, 2007 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Ms. Briggs served as Legislative Committee Chair Pro Tempore in the absence of Mr. Woods.

Permanent Resolution Number 24-007, Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 5, Section 2-530.43 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Minimum Wage)

This resolution amends the Chickasaw minimum wage so that it is in compliance with the new federal minimum wage. This resolution is considered as "emergency legislation" because it was received after the deadline required in Title 16, Chapter 2, Section 16-205 of the Chickasaw Nation Code and the federal minimum wage is expected to change in July.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve PR24-007.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

The motion to approve PR24-007 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 24-045, Approval of Development Budget Amendment

The addition of a pool to the wellness centers will allow water related fitness and health activities, and recuperative therapies to be available to citizens in the Tishomingo and Ardmore areas. Many of our elders would benefit greatly from activities like water aerobics, when performed in the low, or no impact environment provided by an indoor pool. This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the construction of the Swimming Pool Addition to the Tishomingo Wellness Center, Project Number 20-0066-06 in the amount of $1,685,000, and for the construction of the Swimming Pool Addition to the Ardmore Wellness Center, Project Number 20-0071-07 in the amount of $1,685,000. This resolution is considered as "emergency legislation" because it was received after the deadline required in Title 16, Chapter 2, Section 16-205 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR24-045.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case,

Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-045 carried unanimously.

Ms. Easterling concluded her report.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

No report.

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

Mr. Woerz served as the Land Development Committee Chair in the absence of Dr. Goforth Parker.

General Resolution Number GR24-042, Authorization for Acceptance and Transfer of Title of Properties in Pontotoc County

This resolution authorizes the exchange of property between the Chickasaw Nation and the First Baptist Church of Ada. The properties involved in the transfer are currently owned by the First Baptist Church, to be conveyed to The Chickasaw Nation. This property consists of three and one-half vacant city lots. Currently owned by the Chickasaw Nation, to be conveyed to the First Baptist Church of Ada, are two and one-half vacant city lots. The property location is in Ada, and will be used for Intern housing. This resolution is considered "emergency legislation" because it was received after the deadline required in Title 16, Chapter 2, Section 16-205 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. McManus to approve GR24-042.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-042 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 24-043, Authorization for the Granting of Real Property to the 20th District Drug Court Inc., Ardmore, Carter County

This resolution authorizes the Governor or his designee to negotiate and conclude the granting of real property located in Ardmore, Oklahoma to the 20th District Drug Court Inc. of Ardmore, Oklahoma, for use in their program. This resolution is considered as "emergency legislation" because it was received after the deadline required in Title 16, Chapter 2, Section 16-205 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR24-043.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-043 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woerz concluded his report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. James Humes made comments concerning the election and his involvement in a civil rights claim.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Linda Briggs Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

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Chickasaws uphold tradition of analysis, then action

By BILL ANOATUBBY
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

For generations, the Chickasaw Nation has regularly displayed the people's ability to change, adapt and make the best of whatever situation arises.

It seems to me the Chickasaw people for centuries have been analyzers of facts, thoughts and general impressions. This is borne out through history as Chickasaws advanced to meet head on the challenges of a rapidly changing environment.

The American philosopher George Santayana wrote, "Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it." For the Chickasaw Nation, analyzing history and learning from it has been a way of life.

In 1540, the Chickasaw Nation was a vast expanse of tree- and stream-filled land. The Chickasaws had developed a system of towns, tribal government, defense, hunting and agriculture that made the area vibrant and growing. The Chickasaws were known as independent, fierce in battle, excellent organizers and devoted to their tribe and each other. When the Spanish explorer De Soto attempted to cross the Tombigbee River in 1540, Chickasaw warriors fired arrows and utilized other techniques to thwart the effort. Finally, after three days of trying, the Spaniards made it to the west side and met with the Chickasaw leaders.

The Chickasaws allowed the Spaniards to stay through the winter, even convincing Spanish leaders to contribute cavalry and infantry for a war party.

The Spanish wore out their welcome when De Soto arrogantly demanded the Chickasaws provide 200 men to carry his men's bags and other gear. The Chickasaws reacted by fastidiously preparing an attack plan. When executed the next day, Chickasaw warriors surprised the Spanish, burned down their huts, dispatched a number of their soldiers and sent the rest scrambling naked into the forest.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby

Throughout the time of contact with the Spanish, and later the French and English, the Chickasaws became well known as people with pride, dedication and a gift for analysis and organization. Chickasaws, the Europeans learned, were adaptable and discussed situations frequently. They were good at devising original action plans that would protect and benefit the Chickasaw people.

It has been written that what is now the United States would be a French-speaking country if not for the Chickasaws. The French did all they could to colonize the Chickasaw Nation and open up important land and water routes to French towns in the Northeast. The Chickasaws sized the French up early and determined what France's designs really were. They also noticed the French traders offered inferior goods at inflated prices, which did nothing but drive the Chickasaw opinion of the French even lower. When battles between the French and English heated up in the 18th Century, the Chickasaws determined it best to ally with the English while preserving their own independence. The losers, of course, were the French.

The Chickasaws were continually analyzing and measuring the best courses of action for all the people. At the time of Removal, the Chickasaw Nation negotiated a move that would be the least oppressive and offer the best chance for survival in the new lands. Once in Indian Territory, Chickasaws negotiated the purchase of a sizeable and lush new national land. As a government – and as a people – the Chickasaw Nation fought off dissolution and elimination of the tribe on a number of occasions.

Chickasaws have traditionally learned well from history, been adaptable, and have always been prepared to take action. In our modern Chickasaw Nation, we honor our past and continue our traditions of sovereign government, pragmatic decision-making, positive action and, most importantly, devotion to each other.

Calling all Chickasaws to Tishomingo!

Annual Meeting and Festival set for Sept. 29 - Oct. 6

It is time once again to make plans to attend the 47th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and the 19th Annual Chickasaw Festival.

This week-long celebration of tribal culture and heritage is scheduled to take place September 29 through October 6 in Tishomingo, the historic capitol of the Chickasaw Nation, with events in Ada and at the Kullihoma stomp grounds as well.

The Annual Meeting will include Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby delivering the "State of the Nation" address 9 a.m. Saturday, October 6 at Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College (MSC) in Tishomingo.

"This is such a great time of year for Chickasaws," stated Governor Anoatubby. "We always look forward to gathering with our families and friends to celebrate our culture and history."

The "State of the Nation" is always followed by the festival parade on Tishomingo's Main Street. Hundreds will gather to watch as bands, floats, organizations and children's groups from across the southern Oklahoma march the parade route.

The festival includes a variety of exciting events designed to appeal to people of all ages including a Chickasaw traditional lunch on the MSC campus, cultural and dance troupe demonstrations on the capitol grounds, the Chickasaw artists exhibition, the Band Day Extravaganza, Chickasaw White House tours, a horseshoe tournament and more.

Saturday's festival events and activities are conducted throughout Tishomingo on the grounds of the historic Chickasaw Capitol, Pennington Park, Murray State College campus, Johnston County Sports complex and other venues.

New to this year's festival is a gospel singing on Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the capitol ground's west lot. Local and professional singers and groups will be on stage to entertain the crowd.

Several events for kids and families are scheduled throughout the festival week. These include the Chickasaw Princess Pageant in Ada, the Junior Olympics at Tishomingo High School, softball tournaments, a golf tournament at the new WinStar Golf Course, cultural tours and demonstrations at the capitol grounds, the Arts and Culture Awards ceremony, Youthful Celebration with new cultural make-and-take items, the senior arts and crafts sale, the JC Riding Club rodeo, and a cultural evening at Kullihoma.

New attractions for children include a petting zoo, pony rides and train rides in Pennington Park. The park will also have inflatable games and the Kids' Fun To Learn tent that includes face painting, crafts and several make-and-take projects. The children's activities are available Tuesday, October 2 through Friday, October 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, October 6 from noon to 5 p.m.

A complete listing of events, locations and schedules will be available in the Chickasaw Times September issue or online at www.chickasaw.net.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Festival office at (580) 371-2040 or 1 (800) 593-3356.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

See **Annual Meeting & Festival Schedule,** *page 35*

Visit the CHIC Center!

The CHIC Center is a patient health information center where you can use computers to access health care information through the National Library of Medicine. It is located in the main lobby of CAIHF. CHIC Center staff is available to assist patients during their visit. Privacy screens will also be utilized so patients can maintain confidentiality and printers will be available for those who prefer to print information for home review.

Visit www.chicresources.net or www.nlm.nih.gov to access the latest in health information.

For more information on the CHIC Center, contact Debbie Jackson at (580) 421-4587.

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CHICKASAW HEALTH INFORMATION CENTER

Great careers choices ahead for medical, nursing students

Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee! We are finally blessed with typical summer weather. Sunshine and 90 degree temperatures are a welcome relief from everyday rain.

We are proceeding with the plans for a new hospital and are learning of young Chickasaws studying to be medical doctors. We also need more young people to go into nursing. As our nurses age and retire, we need young Chickasaws to fill their places and care for our Indian people.

Last month I mentioned that you may want to transfer your health care to the Purcell Clinic. I wish to give you further information about the Clinic. The patient capacity of the Clinic is currently full so you must get on a waiting list. The Clinic currently has only two health care providers; therefore, a waiting list is necessary. The pharmacy at the Purcell Clinic is only for the use of Purcell Clinic patients. Patients of other clinics and doctors are not able to get their prescriptions filled there. You are reminded to continue with your current health care plans until the Clinic can accept you as a new patient. We are working on expanding the Clinic to provide additional health care and I will let you know when that happens. Thank you for your patience.

Administrator Bill Lance submits the following statistics: for the month of June, 2007, there were 220 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 15,143. June Emergency Room visits were 993. June saw 229 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,521 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 4,231 patients in June. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,604 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,191. The Durant Clinic saw 2,261 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,544 in June.

May God bless each of you readers and the Chickasaw Nation. I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

Plans on the board for first assisted living center

Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello, Everyone!

It has been an extraordinary summer here in the Chickasaw Nation, (1) it is July and we have not yet hit a temperature of 100 and (2) it has been raining so frequently we are being spoiled not to have to be out watering to keep trees and grass alive. And as soon as I put that bit of information on paper, it will probably quit raining and we will hit the high temperatures! Oh, well! It is after all summertime!

Part of summertime in the Chickasaw Nation is that every summer there is a political campaign, as somebody has to run for his/her office. It's a wonderful democratic process and one of the perks of running is getting to visit with Chickasaws over the country. It reminds me of the listening conferences and all the good they cause to happen. The listening conferences are scheduled to begin in February of 2008, I believe, and that will be so great. Watch for information about the events!

We learned recently that plans are being made for our very first assisted living facility for elders. This will be wonderful for seniors who wish to maintain independence but want care quickly available should it be needed. (Well, isn't that what we all want, really!!). This is another move forward for seniors and one about which we are excited.

One of the really successful programs in place in the Nation is the mowing of lawns of our seniors and shut-ins all over the Nation. The team working down in our part of the Nation (I live in Love County which is bordered by the Red River and the Oklahoma/Texas border) mowed more than 700 lawns in a three-week period. That is amazing! And just think how happy those citizens are to have their lawns looking so nice. Accolades to that team!

The legislature recently approved the consolidation budget for the 2008 fiscal year. The preparation of the budget by all the departments is a very tedious, complex process involving a very great deal of work. Education, elders and healthcare always have "top billing" and that is as it should be. Also, considering the great growth of the Nation and the services that are being increased on continuing basis it is noteworthy, I think, of the team that is in place to make it happen. They do a great job, individually and collectively.

Our court system is another area of continuing improvements. They have progressed in giant strides! It has been very helpful for the legislature to have two legislatures who are also attorneys as we assist in legislation requested by the Court.

Enjoy the rest of the summer! Take care if you travel! God bless you!

Linda Briggs

Back-to-school fast approaching!

Wanda Blackwood
Tippit Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Even though we are into the summer months, there are plenty of things happening on the education front.

During the month of May, as you might imagine, there was good activity on the graduation front. The tribal Education Department provided 35 awards of $1,000 each for degree completions. This is exceptional and it means our Chickasaw students are finishing up their degrees and preparing to enter the world or work or graduate school. Congratulations!

A total of 21 incentive awards of $500 each were presented during May. License and certification grants totaled 16 and there were 28 grants for graduation assistance.

Three students received semester pins, five received graduation watches and 29 Chickasaw graduates were recognized when they wore honor stoles during graduation ceremonies.

Three of our students were awarded laptop computers for their scholarship.

You may recall that we are very active at our East Central Oklahoma University office of retention and recruitment. This office works with our ECU Chickasaws to ensure they are keeping up in school and recieving the assistance they need.

Now, we are working to establish other retention and recruiting offices. We will be working with the University of Oklahoma and other universities to help Chickasaw students at those institutions.

Another important program is our career technology and training development program. For students seeking careers in one of the trades or vocations, we offer excellent support. To date this year, our program has assisted 222 students in these programs.

Remember, all our applications can be found on-line through the tribal website, www.chickasaw.net

Well, believe it or not, the 2007-2008 school year is almost ready to begin! We look forward to a great year and we wish all our students much success!

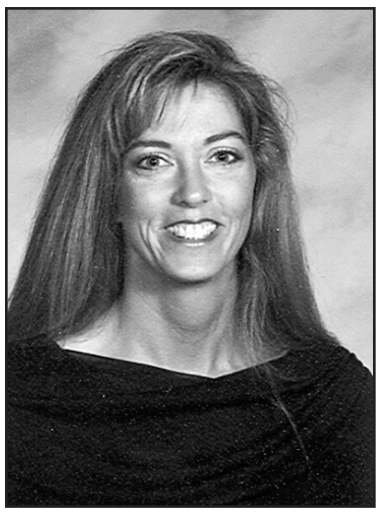
Visit Carl Albert gift shop today!

Visit the Carl Albert Hospital Volunteers gift shop. All proceeds are used to purchase items for the hospital that will benefit employees and patients.

The jewelry and crafts are made by Native Americans. Flutes, drums, Pendleton bags, blankets, beaded caps, Choctaw hymnals, CDs, and Bedre candy are a few of the items available.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Family art traditions led to development of quilting talent



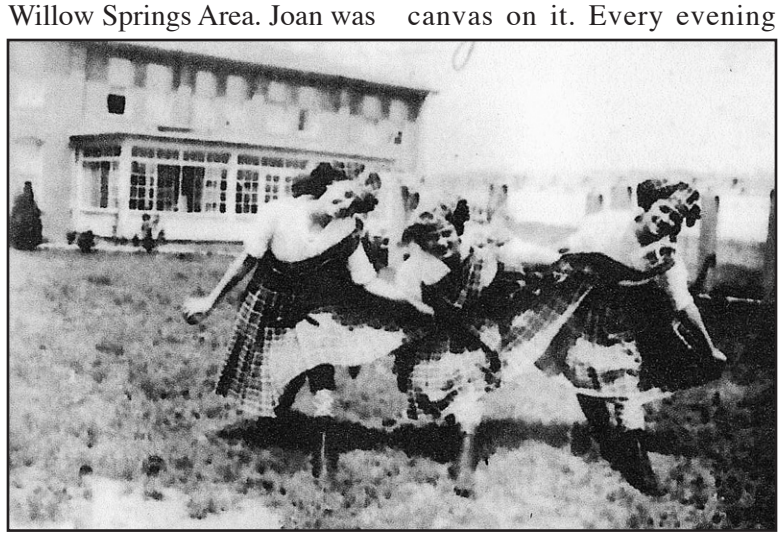
Beth Alexander
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

People of the Panola District: Back in June, Mrs. Jean Cureton emailed me some pictures of her mother, Thyra Cravens. I thought they were so unusual I just had to share them. Thyra (pronounced Thera) was born in Yarnaby, Oklahoma in 1903 to Charles Thomas "Tom" Cravens and Willie Franklin. Her Great Grand Father was Charlie Sheco –one of the first Chickasaw Judges in the Panola District. Thyra started to school when she was eight years old at the Bloomfield Academy just south of Achille, Oklahoma. Bloomfield Academy burned and was later relocated to Ardmore, Oklahoma. Thyra's father would take her to Denison, Texas and place her on a train bound for Ardmore. Thyra graduated from Bloomfield Academy in approx 1918-1922. While in school, she studied homemaking and sewing. She was very good at tatting and knitting. Her favorite activity was crocheting. She later married Mr. E.L.Jenkins and they had a daughter, Mrs. Billie Jean Jenkins Cureton. In 1950, Mrs. Thyra Cravens was awarded the Ladies All Bore Skeet Shooting Championship of the Texas Skeet Shooters Association in Houston, Texas. Mrs. Cravens passed away in 1971and is buried in Yarnaby, Okla. Thank you to her daughter, Jean Cureton for sharing a slice of her family history and the pictures.

Recently I met with Joan (pronounced Joann) Lenox and her husband Floyd. They live out by Lake Texoma in the Willow Springs Area. Joan was raised in Ada, Oklahoma and is the daughter of Ruthie Batts and Virgil Lee Hurley. It was interesting to learn that Joan is an avid quilter and is also gifted in crochet, tatting, knitting and painting. But her most recent activity centers on quilting. I asked her when she learned to quilt, her response, "I have always loved it ever since I was a little girl. I can remember going to stomp dances with my family and spending time with my Grandmother. The other women while they visited, quilted, and cooked Pashoffa in a very large black kettle."

When Joan was younger she remembers coming home from school with her brother and sister and having to start on their own painting projects. Each child had an easel with a started canvas on it. Every evening when their mother came home from work she would check on their daily progress. "We had a certain amount of work that we had to complete each day on our project before Mother came home," said Joan. After retirement, Joan has spent more time doing her hobby. Her work has been entered in The Magnolia Festival, Bryan Co. Fair, OKC Fair and the Chickasaw Festival and has received numerous awards and recognition. Joan is currently a member of the Heritage Quilters Club that meets the second Wednesday of each month to work on projects. Joan also has conducted numerous demonstrations on quilt making and is always willing to share her knowledge and assist others. If you are interested in quilting, Joan is interested in hearing from you! Give me a call or email and I'll pass the word along.

Joan Lenox showcasing her tea pot quilt.



Thyra Cravens and friends at Bloomfield Academy.

It has been interesting learning a few details about some of our Panola District Chickasaw Citizens. If you want to share some family history or have any questions about Tribal affairs or services please feel free to contact me.

May you and your family be blessed,

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Legislature approves consolidated governmental budget for 2008

Holly Easterling
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings from Ada! It has been an honor to represent the citizens of Pontotoc district and all Chickasaws as chairman of the Finance Committee this fiscal year.

The Finance Committee is responsible for receiving, reviewing, and/or developing all proposed legislation relating to the finances and fiscal policy of the Chickasaw Nation.

In that regard, your Legislature has just approved the new consolidated governmental budget for fiscal year 2008 in the regular July Legislative session. The budget was presented to the legislature back in mid-May by Governor Anoatubby, the Office of Management and Budget and the Administrators of all tribal divisions in an interactive format at the tribal headquarters. Since that time, the finance committee has met four times where your representatives have had time to ask questions, provide input, share comments and concerns from citizens and receive additional information on the proposed budget.

Also, in accordance with Title 2, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code, a public budget hearing was held on June 28, 2007 in the new Chickasaw Community Center in Ada. Please take time to visit the website (www.chickasaw.net) and view the budget presentation on-line at your convenience. The total Consolidated Governmental Budget for fiscal year 2008 totals $71,400,000.

Colbert hosting open house at Tish Clinic first Wednesdays

D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature chairman and Tishomingo District legislator Scott Colbert hosts an open office for legislative business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month.

Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

Elder Lorene Greenwood a positive role model for many Chickasaws

Katie Case
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Recently former Pontotoc District Legislator, Lorene Greenwood passed away. Lorene's life and legacy are true Chickasaw treasures. In addition to serving our tribe as a legislator for seven years, Lorene lived a wonderfully full and happy life that can only be a reward for living life honestly, with integrity and care for others.

Among things, Lorene will be missed as a Chickasaw elder, a beacon illuminating the path into the future. Lorene drew her energy and light from a past filled with Chickasaw tradition. She used her knowledge of Chickasaw tradition to serve as a mentor to me and many and she used her goodness and genuine love for people to be a friend and role model to even more.

Lorene was a leader in her church and worked as a JOM teacher's aide at McLish School. In this area of the Chickasaw Nation where she lived, a person does not have look far or long to see the positive influence of Lorene's life. One wonderful illustration occurred one night during Lorene's last stay in the hospital. A young woman, perhaps in her mid-thirties, asked whom we were there to see. When I told her we were there to see Lorene, she said "I know her. I started to school at McLish. I was young, but I knew if I needed anything, I could say 'take me to Mrs. Greenwood.' She would take care of me. If I was sick, she would make me a pallet and let me lay down by her desk. If I just didn't feel well, I knew there was always something special in her desk just for me."

The unsolicited acts of kindness by elected Chickasaw officials, Chickasaw employees and friends during Lorene's and her family's time of need was heartwarming. Chickasaw employees would spend their lunch hours visiting with her. They read to her and often talked to her in Chickasaw, which she always enjoyed very much. Others spent evenings or weekends mowing and providing meals and refreshments for Lorene's family. Still others prayed and provided unseen, but much appreciated acts of kindness. The events of the last few days of Lorene's time here on earth bear witness to the fact that it is indeed good to be Chickasaw!

Lorene loved all people, especially native Americans, and she knew that being Chickasaw was special. She was one of, by some accounts, less than 200 remaining full-blood Chickasaws. That fact worried Lorene. She wanted to share her knowledge of Chickasaw tradition with all her family and friends. Lorene knew that the future success of our great Chickasaw Nation demands that we keep alive our proud traditions and history. This must be done by teaching our History to our Children and sharing our dreams of the future with them.

On June 18, we lost a dear and wonderful Chickasaw treasure. Those of us who knew Lorene Greenwood are blessed. All Chickasaws can be proud to have been able to count her as one of our own.

Another treasure of our own is the Chickasaw Honor Guard.

Veterans of all ages make up the Chickasaw Honor Guard and serve in its capacity in order to honor their country, fellow servicemen, tribal heritage and the families of the deceased.

Recently the Honor Guard represented the Chickasaw Nation in exemplary fashion at Red Earth. Our Honor Guard presented the colors twice daily for the three days of the Red Earth event. Tribes from through out North America participate in this annual event.

The Honor Guard needs additional dedicated Chickasaw veterans. Serving in the Honor Guard is a great way to show pride in our nation and show honor for the service of our fellow Chickasaws.

I look forward to seeing you.

Your friend and legislator,

Katie Case

Chickasaw Honor Guard members are, front row from left, Jimmy James, Roy Worcester, Soloman Gantt and Lura Mullican. Back row from left, Will Johnson, Mike Reed, Matt Barnoski, Bernie Seeley and Jim Perry.

July 2007 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 24-048

Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget - Fiscal Year 2008

Explanation: The The proposed Consolidated Governmental Budget for The proposed Consolidated Governmental inin a public hearing on June 28, 2007, at Ada,in a public hearing on June 28, 2007, at Ada, Oklahoma, in accordance ChickasawChickasaw Nation Code. This resolution approves said Consolidated GovernmeChickasaw Nation presented in that public hearing.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Holly Easterling, Committee Chair Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 24-008

Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 2, Article O Chickasaw Nation Code

(Judgments)

Explanation: This resolution adds new sections to Title 5, Chapter 2, Article O of the Chickasaw Nation Code. The new sections would allow the District Court to open, modify or vacate a judgment, decree, or appealable order on its own initiative or motion of either party in certain circumstances.

Requested By: Tim Colbert, Committee Chair Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Presented By: Tim Colbert, Committee Chair Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 24-009

Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 6 Section 2-611 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Travel Policy)

Explanation: This resolution amends Section 2-611, Paragraph 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code regarding the travel policy for employees and elected officials so that it accurately reflects the current policy. Paragraph 1 of Section 2-611 is the usual method of reimbursement and remains in place. Paragraph 1 reads as follows:

1 . The per diem rate shall be calculated using the actual lodging amount plus the government rate for meals and miscellaneous expenses; or

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Steve Woods, Committee Chair Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Court advocate services available to Chickasaws, other Indian people

The Chickasaw Nation Judicial Branch is now offering court advocate services to Chickasaw citizens and Native Americans residing in the northern portion of the tribe's service area.

A court advocate will be available to meet clients each Wednesday at the Purcell Regional Office, 1603 S. Green Ave.

A court advocate will provide assistance in preparing and filing court documents.

Information on properly presenting evidence to state your case before the court will also be available.

The advocate will also provide assistance preparing orders or final decrees.

To schedule an appointment with a court advocate, please call the Chickasaw Nation District Court at (580) 235-0279 or 1-800-479-1459.

New CHIC system excellent, quick way to get medical information

Caroline Hill, of Computer Craft, and Legislator Judy Goforth Parker looking over some of the plans for the Chickasaw Health Information Center (CHIC).

Greetings. By now, I am hoping that you have read the article about the new resource center located in the Chickasaw Nation Health System. Of course, I am speaking of the Chickasaw Health Information Center (CHIC) which is located both in the hospital and on the internet. You can access reliable health information whether or not you are located in Alaska, Ada, or Alabama by logging on to www.chicresources.net. This new web site is a result of the partnership between the National Library of Medicine, Computer Craft, and the Chickasaw Nation Health System.

It is a project that I have had the opportunity to be involved with since its inception, and that would be for a period of about two years. You would be proud to know that while visiting the National Library of Medicine, one of our young Chickasaw women helped in developing the initial idea for this web site. While visiting the National Library of Medicine, this young lady remarked that she would love for clients of the Chickasaw Nation Health System to be able to access reliable health information. From that statement, the idea was picked up by the National Library of Medicine staff member Gale Dutcher. Computer Craft, a Chickasaw owned business located in the Washington D.C. area, also joined in on the project, and after "lot of work" by Chickasaw Nation staff members, the National Library of Medicine, and Computer Craft, a simple idea grew into a project that will help in improving the health of Chickasaw citizens as well as other tribes and anyone else who should Google and find the web site.

I encourage you to go to www.chicresources.net. After you arrive at the web page, double click on Medline Plus (on the left side of your page). On the page you land on, double click on www.medlineplus.gov. At the top of that page, you will see a long white box where you can type any topic that you would like to search for. It is located by Search Medline Plus. You can type in any health topic that you are interested in. What I searched for was "chigger bites," since I have had a recent encounter with a chigger. This site that I found had an article that was written for children about what a chigger actually is and what to do when you are bitten. In Oklahoma, we are always bitten in the summer by these little critters.

There are many other resources that you will find interesting that are linked to this page. There is a page by the National Library of Medicine that is dedicated to Native American Issues. Children can access a site called Toxtown that is an interactive web game that is a teaching tool for environmental hazards. This can be accessed at the following web address: http://toxtown.nlm.nih.gov/.

Please let me know if you have questions or suggestions. If you are in Ada, please visit CHIC. There will be a resource person to help you with your searches.

You can email me at judy.parker@chickasaw.net at any time, or call 580-310-4782. I look forward to hearing you. I always encourage you to call me back if I have failed to respond to you or did not get back to you quickly enough. Have a great summer.

Hope to see you in October at the festival.

Judy Goforth Parker, Chickasaw Legislator, Pontotoc District, Seat 2

Michael Peercy, who has helped institute CHIC at CNHS, Dr. Judy Goforth Parker and Gale Dutcher from the National Library of Medicine. Michael and Dr. Parker were attending a fellowship with the National Library of Medicine called the Sacred Root Fellowship.

Committee Reports

Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

July 16, 2007

Present: Linda Briggs, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Tim Colbert

Education Committee

July 9, 2007

Present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

Absent: Wanda Blackwood Scott

Finance Committee

July 9, 2007

Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

July 16, 2007

Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Dean McManus

Health Committee

July 9, 2007

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Dean McManus, Scott Colbert

Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott

Legislative Committee

July 9, 2007

Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Absent: Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott

Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee

July 9, 2007

Present: Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Dean McManus, Scott Colbert

Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott

2006-2007 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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Tribal Development Center helps with 'good idea'

Business opens with assistance from tribe, ECU

All About You staff, clockwise from bottom left, are Kathy Mathis, Dempsey Mathis, Ronda McCurtain, Nakita Parnacher and Sandra Dial.

All About You owners Dempsey and Kathy Mathis discuss plans for their new business with Jeff Case, right, executive director of the Chickasaw Nation Small Business Development Center.

Dempsey Mathis, who is Chickasaw and his wife Kathy, who is Choctaw, recently opened All About You, LLC.

The business was opened with assistance provided by the Chickasaw Nation Small Business Development Center and East Central University.

All About You is a residential training agency which teaches independent living skills to individuals with developmental disabilities.

Staff members work in the homes of individuals to help them attain their goals for independence.

Ms. Mathis said that those goals may vary considerably, depending on the individual.

"It's especially rewarding to see them move out on their own and live independently," she said. "The people we serve are just like us except for the disability. They have the same dreams, the same goals, the same desire to have relationships - or not have relationships - to get married, and so on."

While not all of her clients are able to live independently, she said there is always a high level of job satisfaction.

"It's rewarding to see the clients accomplish their goals, whether it is learning to tie their shoes or something we might see as more significant. We take a lot of things for granted," she added after a short pause.

Residential director Sandra Dial echoed that sentiment.

"It doesn't matter how bad a day you've had or what problems you have, working with these people can really lift your spirits," she said.

While the business has been in operation only about two months, they already provide services to more than 30 clients and employ more than 30 staff members.

Ms. Mathis and Ms. Dial were joined by former coworkers who had experience assisting individuals with developmental disabilities.

Pam Phillips and Ronda McCurtain are program coordinators in the new venture.

"We all love people," said Ms. Mathis. "We love working with this group. We're all friends with the same goals."

Dempsey Mathis, who works full-time for the City of Ada, has made a considerable financial investment in the venture. After completing duties at his "day job," he provides CPR instruction for members of the staff and performs a number of other tasks for All About You.

"I've never worked so many hours in my life," he said.

Dempsey and Kathy have also brought their children into the business.

"Jordan is employed as a habilitation training specialist while Nakita is our summer youth worker through Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth so it is a family affair," said Ms. Mathis.

Ms. Dial said everyone involved in the business has a real heart for the clients.

"Our focus is on the individual," said Ms. Dial. "We want to find their needs and provide for those needs."

While the group had considered opening a business for some time, they faced challenges with financing and lack of experience.

The Chickasaw Nation Small Business Development Center and East Central University provided the needed assistance.

"Governor Anoatubby and the Chickasaw Nation Small Business Development Center have been very instrumental in allowing us to continue operating until we receive our reimbursement from the Oklahoma Health Care Authority," said Ms. Mathis. "We recently received a grant and loan from their department which enabled us to make the payroll for employees and take care of a few monthly expenses."

Gov. Anoatubby said the Mathis family was a "great candidate" for assistance.

"Dempsey and Kathy had a good idea for a business and experience in the field," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We provided assistance to help them get over some of the early hurdles and we plan to continue offering support to help them achieve long-term success."

Classes at East Central University provided instruction on developing a business plan.

"God is truly blessing All About You, and has used the Chickasaw Nation and the ECU Small Business Development Center to open the doors that allows us to operate," said Ms. Mathis.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Small Business Development Center offers 'a great start'

Chickasaws considering starting a business now have access to a number of important resources through the Chickasaw Nation Small Business Development Center.

"Business and commerce has been an important part of the Chickasaw way of life throughout history," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "This center is dedicated to helping Chickasaws successfully continue that time honored tradition."

Executive director Jeff Case, business manager Richard Smith and business counselor Brett Joplin offer a number of services to aspiring entrepreneurs.

Those services include help in developing a business plan, management counseling, marketing assistance, technical assistance and assistance in locating financing among others.

"It takes more than just a great idea to create a successful business," said Case, who added that aspiring entrepreneurs should read and learn as much as possible about all aspects of business.

A strong work ethic, desire, people skills, management skills, organizational skills and a financial commitment are some of the factors necessary for a successful business.

Asked if he had any advice for aspiring entrepreneurs, Case grinned and said "don't quit your day job."

Becoming more serious, he said finding a job in the area of your business interest is a good strategy for learning how to succeed in almost any business.

He added that many business owners need the income from employment to "help pay the bills" until their business becomes profitable.

Every individual who come to the center receives individual attention because every situation is unique.

Individuals who come to the center with an idea for a business receive help developing a business plan and completing other necessary paperwork, including loan applications.

"We'll give them a template and offer assistance and counseling, but we can't write the business plan for them," said Case.

Assistance is available, however, to ensure the plan meets the requirements of lending institutions and covers issues important to developing a successful business.

The process from the initial visit to starting a new business takes 90 days or longer in most cases.

"It's a process, because we're trying to set people up for success," said Case. "To just have that money in a lot of cases, would just set people up for

*See **Small Business Development Center,** page 42*

Chickasaw Nation hosts American Indian Scouting Conference

The Chickasaw Nation played host to the 50th annual American Indian Scouting Association seminar for youth and adults July 7 through 11 at East Central University in Ada.

Indian and non-Indian youth and adults explored strategies for youth development and improvement of life in American Indian communities through Girl Scout and Boy Scout programs and services.

More than 40 Chickasaw citizens and employees were involved in various activities during the event.

Adult seminar participants were taken on a guided tour of several Chickasaw Nation facilities, including the Chickasaw Historical capitol and the Council House Museum.

Youth and adults enjoyed a traditional Chickasaw meal and demonstrations of Chickasaw cultural activities including a demonstration by the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe.

Several Chickasaws also participated in workshops designed to assist adults responsible for leadership and administration of youth programs.

JoAnn Ellis provided language class instruction.

Lighthorse Police officers Dusk Montetathchi and Brad Holloway were on a panel discussing drug and gang prevention strategies.

The American Indian Scouting Association is a collaboration among American Indian tribal leaders, educators and the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and the Boy Scouts of America.

The national organization was formed to address issues facing today's Indian youth and to provide training and leadership opportunities for adult leaders of American Indian youth.

The AISA seeks to enable American Indian youth to develop their talents and capabilities. Primary goals are to help young people maintain their cultural identities while building bridges which will enable them to become successful and productive members of both societies.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

The Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe provided a demonstration for American Indian Scouting Association Seminar participants Monday July 10 at Camp Simpson.

Tribal net assets growing as commercial entities develop

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending June 30, 2007

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $63.5 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were $6.2 million and $35.0 year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of $82.5 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for June totaled $56 million and $487 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $19 million for the month and $163 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $68 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At June 30, 2007, the tribal government funds had $77 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $11.5 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $132 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of June 30, 2007, tribe operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling $716 million with $144 million in payables resulting in net assets of $572 million compared to $539 million at the end of the 2nd quarter of fiscal year 2007 or an increase of $33 million over the second quarter of the fiscal year.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Nine Months Ended June 30, 2007

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	6,245,968	487,528,240	493,774,208
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		57,286,799	(57,286,800)	(0)
Total funds available		63,532,767	430,241,441	493,774,208
Expenditures				
General government		5,016,698		5,016,698
Legislature		1,049,106		1,049,106
Judiciary		495,947		495,947
Education		5,648,995		5,648,995
Heritage Preservation		2,029,211		2,029,211
Health		10,037,453		10,037,453
Youth and Family Services		3,454,622		3,454,622
Nutrition Programs		1,606,871		1,606,871
Regulatory		2,361,140		2,361,140
Assistance Programs		4,033,936		4,033,936
Transfer to Loan Program		-		-
Gaming expense			260,132,008	260,132,008
Other businesses' expense			101,342,109	101,342,109
Total expenditures		35,733,978	361,474,117	397,208,094
Increase in net assets		27,798,789	68,767,324	96,566,113
Beginning net assets		212,904,843	263,433,891	476,338,734
Ending net assets	$	240,703,632	332,201,215	572,904,848

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2007

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	77,556,458	132,998,600	210,555,058
Receivables		876,712	25,448,185	26,324,897
Inventory			4,581,093	4,581,093
Prepaid expenses			9,297,804	9,297,804
Other Assets			12,424,349	12,424,349
Fixed assets		162,509,561	292,144,798	454,654,359
Less payables		(239,099)	(144,693,614)	(144,932,713)
Net Assets	$	240,703,632	332,201,215	572,904,848

Births

Alivea Pettigrew

Alivea Denise Pettigrew was born June 7, 2007 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Ada, Okla. She weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz., and measured 19.9 inches.

She is the daughter of Santecia Grant and Brandon Pettigrew, Ardmore, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Denise Ruth, LaQuita Williamson, of Ardmore, and the late Gerri Grant. She is the great-granddaughter of Emma Pettigrew, Rutha Willis, Ardmore, and William Pettigrew, Kingston, Okla.

Alivea is truly a gift from God and we are so proud to have a new member in the Pettigrew family.

Skylar Pogue

Skylar Morgan Pogue was born June 1, 2007 at 8:17 a.m. to Bryan and Misty Pogue. She weighed 8 lbs., 12 oz., and measured 20 inches.

Skylar joins a sister, Rhyan Sydney Pogue, 3.

She is the granddaughter of Doyle and Marilyn Morgan, Danny Pogue and Patti Pogue. She is the great-granddaughter of Mary Heck and Freda Pogue, and the late RL Heck, Salty Pogue, Earl and Lanell Bryan and Tom and Lora Mae Morgan.

Jaci Arnold

Jason and Michelle Arnold proudly announce the birth of their first child, **Jaci Nichole**. Jaci was born June 22, 2007 at 10:47 p.m. at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. She weighed 6 lbs., 5 oz., and measured 20 1/2 inches.

Maternal grandparents are Lavon Burk, Norman, Okla., Jim Burk, Jim and Sheila McClure, all of Sulphur, Okla. Maternal great-grandparents are David and Melva McClure, Sulphur, and Charles and Betty Sumner, Durant, Okla. She is the niece of Matt Burk, Sulphur.

Paternal grandparents are Sandy Arnold, Bethany, Okla., and Damon Arnold, Shawnee, Okla. Paternal great-grandfather is Bob Jones, Bethany. She is the niece of Jamie and Jake and cousin of Kylie Leming, Poteau, Okla., who welcomes her arrival.

Customer Service Survey on the web

Chickasaw citizens who complete a new tribal customer service survey will have the opportunity to win $100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey by going to the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

Once you have completed the survey, you can enter the $100 giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times*.

Chickasaw Nation Rep in Chickasha

A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha on August 20 to answer questions about tribal programs.

For more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, community health representatives, or other programs, visit Bettie Black at Oklahoma Workforce, 301 S. 2nd Street from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

A tribal representative will be available for questions at Oklahoma Workforce the third Monday of each month.

For more information, call (405) 527-6667.

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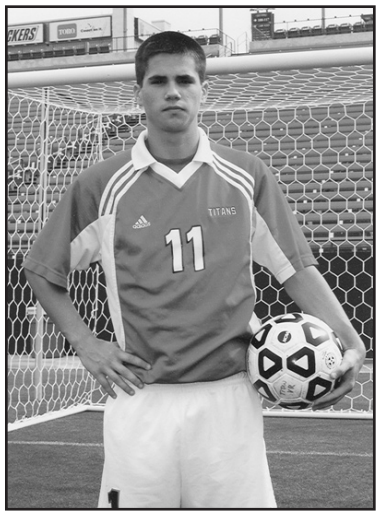
Conner and Dylan Hamilton

Conner Hamilton celebrated his ninth birthday June 25, 2007 with a weekend trip to Dallas. He attended John Mayer's "Waiting for the World to Change" concert. He and his little brother Dylan enjoyed a fun, spectacular day at Six Flags over Texas. Conner will be in the fourth grade. He is on the Superintendent's Honor Roll. He is a special young man and we are very proud of him!

Conner is the son of Dana Williamson. He is the godson of James and the grandson of Clay and Maxene Williamson, Ada, Okla. He is the great-great-grandson of Armond and Hattie Williamson, Sulphur, Okla., and Cuma Bond, Ada.

Happy ninth birthday Conner!

Selected for All State Band



Aaron Montoya

Aaron Montoya, 16, formerly of Ada, Okla., was recently selected to play trumpet in the Texas All State Band. Aaron, a sophomore, attends Centennial High School in Frisco, Texas. Among other activities, Aaron was selected "Sophomore of the Year," honor student, and played on the school soccer team.

As a member of the All State Texas Band, Aaron placed in the top 10 in the trumpet section. Only 160 students were selected out of several thousand who auditioned. Aaron also auditioned for a seat in the Greater Dallas Orchestra and was selected to play in the 2007-2008 season. Usually only juniors and seniors are chosen to play in the orchestra.

Aaron was awarded a scholarship to both Oklahoma and Baylor Honor Band Camps and will attend both this summer.

Aaron is the son of Charles and Laurie Montoya, and grandson of Gloria and Guy McElroy.

First at track Junior Olympics

Christin Russell

Christin Russell, a member of the Ardmore (OK) Track Club, ran in the bantam girls division, at the United States Track and Field Junior Olympics at Tulsa East Central High School on June 23, 2007.

Christin took first place in girls bantam 100M dash, with a time of :14.3; first place 200M dash, with a time of :31.4, and in 4/100M relay, her team came in second.

Christin qualified to go to the Region 9 Junior Olympics in Edwardsville, IL, July 12 – 15, 2007.

Bellefeuille-Eldred, Gordon married in Sulphur ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gordon

Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred and Daniel Gordon, of Sulphur, Okla., were united in marriage on June 8, 2007, at the Abundant Life Church, Sulphur, in the presence of family and friends. Pastor Robert Green officiated the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are the late Russell and Donna Bellefeuille and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gordon, Jr., of Sulphur. Grandparents are Viola Seeley, Sulphur, and the late Ben Seeley; and the late John and Isabelle Bellefeuille, Naytahwaush, Minnesota; and the late Mr. and Mrs. Jack A. Gordon, Sr., and the late Mary Alice Dowler, Sulphur. Long time friend, Phil S. Hurst, escorted the bride to the altar. Billye Gordon, mother of the groom, and Viola Seeley, grandmother of the bride, participated in the candle ceremony. Sharon Sartors, aunt of the bride, performed the music.

Best man was Jake Chandler, Sulphur, nephew of the groom. Groomsman was Noah Eldred, Sulphur, son of the bride. Flower girl was Shelby Bennett, Sulphur, niece of the groom. The family of the bride hosted a wedding reception following the ceremony.

The couple honeymooned at the Shiloh Morning Inn, Dickson, Okla.

They are making their home in Sulphur.

The groom is employed by Michelin of Ardmore and the bride is employed by Hurst, McNeil & Gordon and is a Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Justice.

Rowes celebrate 65th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rowe

Wayne and Mona Rowe, of Tulsa, Okla., celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary June 29, 2007.

The couple married June 29, 1942 in Ada, Okla. They have three children, Rita Rowe, Tulsa, Paula Jones and husband, Ron Stevens, Fort Myers, Fla., and Bob Rowe, Bartlesville, Okla. They have five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. Rowe retired in 1984 after 43 years with Borden Dairy. He was the manager for Tulsa and eastern Oklahoma. Mrs. Rowe is a homemaker and a Chickasaw citizen.

At the Royal Gorge

A total of 28 seniors from the Pauls Valley senior site took a trip to the Royal Gorge and Colorado Springs during June. Site manager Marsha Shaw also attended. The seniors had a fantastic time enjoying beautiful scenery and activities.

Tennis player attends USTA leadership camp

Lexie Maytubby

Lexie Maytubby recently attended the U.S. Tennis Association National Junior Tennis League Tennis Leadership Camp in Seattle, Washington. The camp is housed at the University of Washington and was conducted July 17 through July 23.

Only 40 National Junior Tennis League participants from around the country are invited to attend this special event. The camp was created to provide educational as well as motivational tennis experience for the participants.

Lexie is the daughter of Kelly and Bruce Maytubby, of Anadarko, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Melvin Maytubby, and the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Silas Maytubby.

Citizens At Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

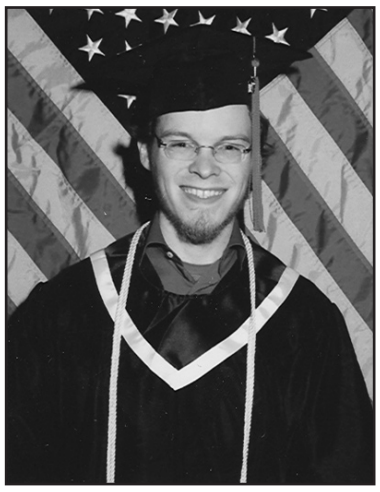
Renee Reirdon Sweedon

Renee Reirdon Sweeden is a 2007 Honorable Chickasaw graduate of East Central University, Ada, Okla. She is married to David Sweeden. She has three children, Stephen Palmer and Maegan Honsinger, both of Konawa, Okla., and Denver Palmer, Ada. She is the daughter of Vicki Rabalais, Konawa, and Chickasaw citizen Dorsey Jack Reirdon, Kerrville, Texas. She is the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Claudie Ella Lewis Reirdon and the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Judge Isaac Overton Lewis.

She graduated with a bachelor's degree in social work and is currently enrolled in graduate school at the University of Oklahoma pursuing her master's degree in social work with a concentration in gerontology.

She is very appreciative of all the encouragement and support given to her by the Chickasaw Nation and the education staff and thanks them very much!

Rob Whitlow



Rob Whitlow graduated from Oklahoma City University in May 2007 with a bachelor of arts degree in mass communications/broadcasting. He is the son of Randy and Carole Whitlow and the grandson of Helen Holbird.

He graduated magna cum laude with a 3.83 GPA and achieved an Excellence in Mass Communications Award.

Thank you to the Chickasaw Education Department for all their assistance with various grants and the laptop computer.

Elizabeth Whitlow Pickens

Elizabeth (Whitlow) Pickens graduated in May 2007 from the University of Oklahoma College of Law with her juris doctorate. She is the wife of Mark Pickens, Jr., and the daughter of Randy and Carole Whitlow. She is the granddaughter of Helen Holbird, of Oklahoma City.

While at OU she served as articles editor for the American Indian Law Review and wrote a scholarly note focusing on the Indian Child Welfare Act and completed the Interdisciplinary Training Program on Child Abuse and Neglect.

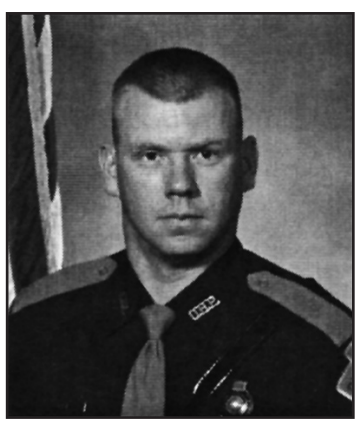
Thank you to the Chickasaw Nation for providing help with expenses and scholarships.

Gracie and Serenity Gothard

Gracie and Serenity Gothard, 6, graduated from kindergarten at McKinney Elementary School, McKinney, Texas, May 22, 2007. The twins are daughters of Roxanne Shaw Gothard. They are the granddaughters of Rocky and Georgia Brown Shaw, Shawnee, Okla. They have a three-year-old sister, Morgan.

Gracie and Serenity are some of God's greatest blessings to our lives. There were born three months early and are miracles they are here today. God has great things in store for them. We love all three grandchildren and thank God everyday for them. They have a wonderful mother. They are of Chickasaw, Choctaw and Cherokee descent.

J.W. Duerson



J.W. Duerson, 34, of Warner, Oklahoma was one of 37 graduates of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Academy's class of September 22, 2006.

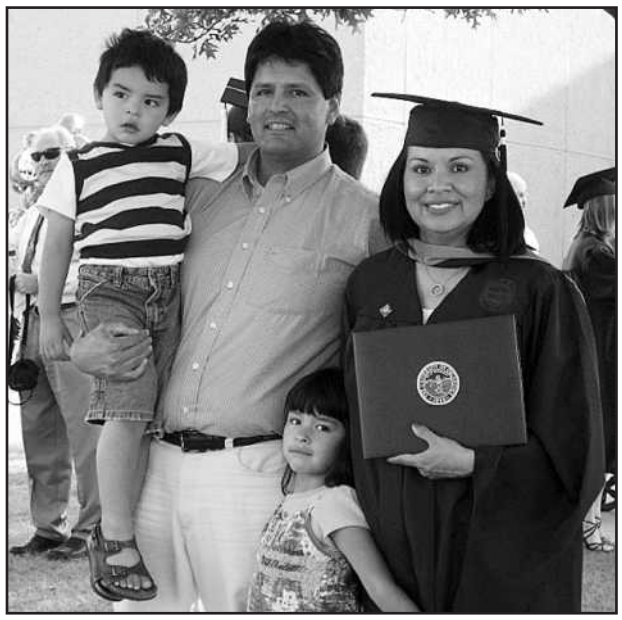
He is the son of Margaret Chadwick of Kiefer, Okla., and John Duerson, of Midwest City, Okla.

Mr. Duerson was one of 900 applicants vying for a position in the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Academy. On May 31, 2006, 60 prospective patrolmen began training, culminating in September's graduating class of 37.

He is the grandson of Ona (Betty) and J.W. Chadwick, and the great-grandson of original enrollee, Margaret Hawkins Chadwick.

He is the husband of Jaime Dawn Stout, and stepfather to two daughters, Taylor Brooke Stout and Jessica Bailey Stout.

Lisa John



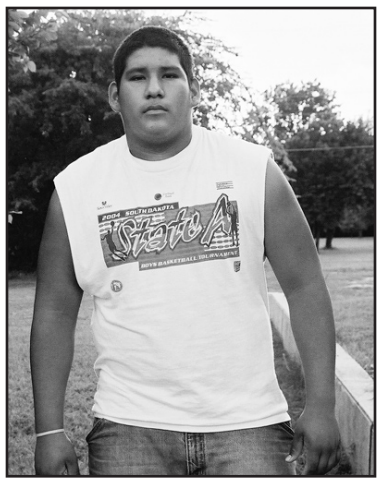
Lisa John received a master's degree in public administration from the University of Oklahoma in May 2007. The concentrations for her degree are public policy, public management and financial management. Mrs. John earned her bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in sociology from OU in 1991.

Mrs. John has been employed with the Chickasaw Nation since 1994 and serves as the education division administrator. She resides in Ada with husband, Tom, and children, Lauren, five, and Trevor, three.

Mrs. John is the daughter of the Pauline Brown and the late Wilson James Brown, of Harden City, Okla.

Speech a catalyst for cultural understanding

Youth helps grow tolerance campaign



Robby Boston

Robby Boston, a 17-year-old junior from Glenpool (OK), High School, recently participated in the 2007 Youth Listening Conference called "Listen Up Tulsa!"

Robby was selected as a youth speaker to discuss the impact of culture on emotional health and wellbeing and had three minutes to provide data and recommendations to legislators, leaders, and policy makers in the Tulsa community. Robby identified the main problem for Native youth as being a loss of culture and that depression, substance abuse and gang involvement are the consequences of youth not being culturally connected.

Robby provided some powerful statistics regarding these consequences including the fact that American Indian youth have shown to have depression rates as high as 58% in some communities and that American Indians experience higher rates of violence and suicide than any other ethnic group in the country. Despite all of these troubling concerns, Robby discussed the hope and strength within native communities by building upon traditions.

He encouraged the youth and leaders by saying, "It's not about drinking and drugs and gangs. It's about being connected. What we do to the earth and to our bodies affects everything and everyone. Culture can help heal our communities."

He described communities across the country using traditional healing ceremonies to impact youth in a positive way by decreasing substance abuse and gang involvement. He challenged the panel to help bring back Native ways as a part of treatment and prevention of emotional health issues.

One specific recommendation was to encourage communities to get involved in Johnson O'Malley (JOM) by attending meetings and advocating to move JOM dollars from "giving out free stuff" to supporting cultural activities to bring awareness to both native and non-native students.

One of the outcomes of Robby's speech, in combination with speeches from other youth, is that Tulsa leaders are coming together to plan for a tolerance campaign to address tolerance of diversity in hopes of improving community acceptance of difference and building pride in all ethnic and religious communities.

Robby is the son of Lou Greenwood Boston and the late Don Boston. His grandparents are Geraldine Greenwood and the late Virgil Greenwood.

Chickasaw student selected for new academic program

Justina Potts

For the past two years, Justina Potts, of Dallas, Texas, has been a member of the National Junior Honor Society. This year she was accepted at Mountain View Junior College, a new program in which only 100 students from four middle schools were chosen. Justina will attend this high school / college for five years and graduate with an associate's degree.

Justina has a goal of having a career in zoology or the veterinary field anything involving the care and preservation of wildlife and or domestic animals.

Justina is the daughter of Stephen and Julie Potts of Dallas. She is the great-great-grand daughter of original enrollee Benjamin A. Potts.

Her parents are extremely proud of her.

Chickasaw ballplayer signs to attend Hillsdale Baptist

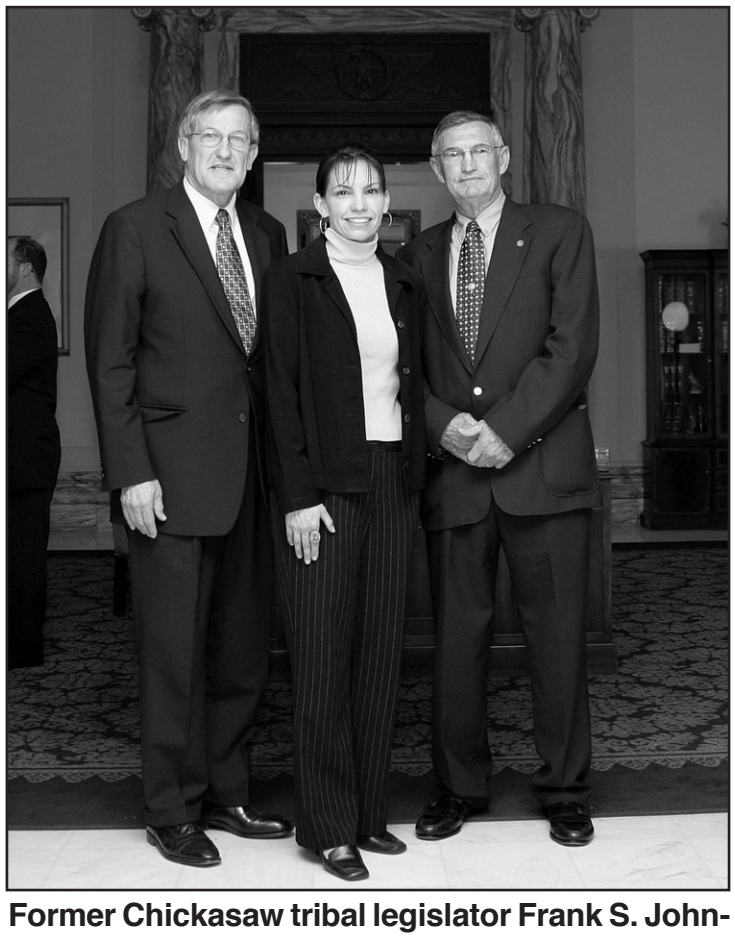
Tyrone Turner

On June 8th, Cyril (OK) High School Pirates point guard Tyrone Turner signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Okla.

The 6'3' point guard has had a nice run the last couple of years, reaching the Class A state tournament. He was also named MVP defensive player of the year. He graduated in May and is looking forward to the upcoming season with the Hillsdale Saints.

He is the son of Virgil and Cynthia Turner of Cyril. He is the grandson of Wendy Nichols of Cache, Okla. and William and Goldie Turner, of Geronimo, Okla. His family, friends and teammates wish him the best.

Murray State regent



Former Chickasaw tribal legislator Frank S. Johnson, right, was recently nominated to serve on the Board of Regents of Murray State College, Tishomingo. Pictured with Mr. Johnson is Murray president Bill Pennington and Oklahoma State Rep. Lisa Johnson Billy, Mr. Johnson's daughter and also a former tribal legislator.

Chikashsha Anompa

(Chickasaw language)

Apron	tikba takali	Radio	nannola'
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Beads	oksup	Pencil	isht holissochi
Belt	askoffa	Paper	holisso
Blanket	naachi shobbokko'li	Scissors	ishkalasha
Boot	shulush chaha	Ruler	naaishtalhpisa
Broach	ishtahlopulli	Ironing clothes	naafoka hammi
Pillow	alhpishshi	Doing the laundry	naafoka achifa
Bed	topa	Button	naaishtakallo
Dresser	naafoka aalhto	Button hole	naaishtakall-ishkin
Bookcase	holisso aalhto	Cane	ishtilombitka
Lamp	aashoppala	Cloth	naafka toba
Mirror	aailipisa	Clothes	naafoka
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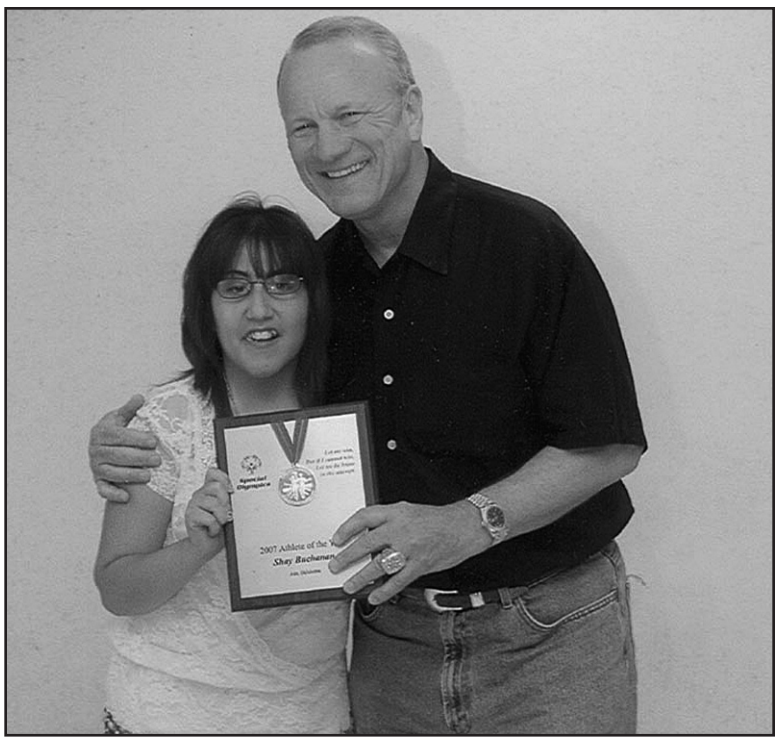
'Shay' Buchanan scores big as State Olympian of the Year

Chickasaw student named top athlete at Special Olympics



Chickasaw athlete Sharayha (Shay) Buchanan receives a plaque naming her the top athlete of the 2007 Special Olympics games from former University of Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer. The Byng High School student has participated in Special Olympics for the past six years. She was also named the Area Olympian of the year during the Ada Special Olympics and Olympian of the Month, by the Oklahoma State Lottery.

Chickasaw athlete Sharayha (Shay) Buchanan has hit a triple whammy.

The Byng High School student was named State Olympian of the Year during the Oklahoma Special Olympics, conducted in May on the campus of Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment," said Bill Anoatubby, governor of the Chickasaw Nation. "Congratulations to Shay for her achievement."

Shay has participated in Special Olympics for the past six years, said the honor made this year's event "the best one ever," she said.

The 16-year-old was surprised when former OU head coach Barry Switzer found her in the crowd of 6,000 at opening ceremonies in Gallagher-Iba arena, and escorted her to the podium.

In front of a boisterous crowd, Switzer declared Shay the top athlete of the meet, and officially opened the games. Shay lit the Olympic torch and led the opening parade through the crowded arena.

Her mom, Glenda, was in the crowd and already knew her daughter had been selected before Switzer's announcement. Prior to opening ceremonies, her daughter's coach Shannon Griffin, told her Shay had been selected, "She ask us not to say anything to Shay. I didn't, but it was hard not to," Buchanan said.

"It was a very proud moment," she continued, "she had her mom, grandma, brother and dad watching."

Area coaches Griffin and Johnny Loggins nominated Shay for the award.

It's the first time in about 20 years a Special Olympian from this area has been selected as Athlete of the Year.

Shay was also named Area Olympian of the Year at the Ada Special Olympics in April, and Special Olympian of the Month, by the Oklahoma State Lottery. The latter award was received in the mail just last month, along with a green windbreaker with an Athlete of the Year insignia on it.

"It just came in the mail," said Buchanan.

As for the 38th annual meet, Shay said she had fun.

"I'm always having fun," she said.

She competes in the softball throw (her favorite), the 50-meter dash and the 100-meter relay.

Besides her appearance with the legendary Oklahoma coach, Shay said she was able to get Oklahoma State University's mascot, Pistol Pete's, autograph and talked to some O.S.U. cheerleaders.

Shay has participated in the Special Olympics since she was 10, and plans to continue as part of team for many years to come.

Over 4,000 athletes compete at the Special Olympics Summer Games. The event has been held in Oklahoma for the past 38 years. Fourteen teams from across the state competed in this year's event.

Special Olympics is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive and respected members of society through sports training and competition.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Shay Buchanan lighting the Special Olympics torch.

62nd Annual Gospel Singing

Johnson Chapel Methodist Church

(5 miles south, 3 miles east, 1 mile south of Allen, Okla., on highway 48)

August 8, 2007
7 p.m.

Special group: Johnson Ross Family, Van Buren, AR

Featured groups: The Chosen, Hugo, Okla., The Gastineaus, Fittstown, Okla., Harjo Family, Broken Arrow, Okla., Lively Stones, Wewoka, Okla., The Grants, Cromwell, Okla., Buck Family, Holdenville, Okla., Al Brown & Company, Ada, Okla.

Bring Your Lawn Chairs **Concessions Available**

This gospel singing is dedicated to the memory of Sue Walton Brown, (6/10/1950 - 11/9/2006).

Colbert reunion September 7

The Colbert Family Reunion is scheduled for Sept. 7, beginnng at 5 p.m. at West Carter Park, Tuscumbia Landing, Sheffield, Ala.

The Colbert Family and friends planning to attend the Colbert Family Reunion are also invited to join in the activities on September 8 with the dedication of Tuscumbia Landing by the National Park Service. The dedication is at 9 a.m. and the individuals and agencies that have assisted and supported the designation process will be recognized at this time. After the dedication, the Walk of Life will begin in the parking lot above the landing site.

The symbolic two-mile walk home will end at Tuscumbia's Spring Park near the ColdWater Falls. Transportation back to Tuscumbia Landing will be provided.

In case of bad weather or if the weather is too hot, the reunion will be held at the Church of Christ annex at the corner of 4th and Main in downtown Tuscumbia.

ColdWater Inn, Tuscumbia 256-383-6844

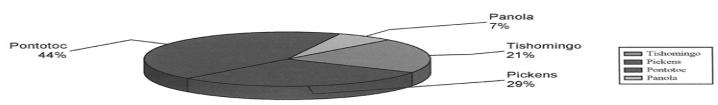
Key West Inn, Tuscumbia 256-383-0700

Holiday Inn Sheffield 256-381-4710

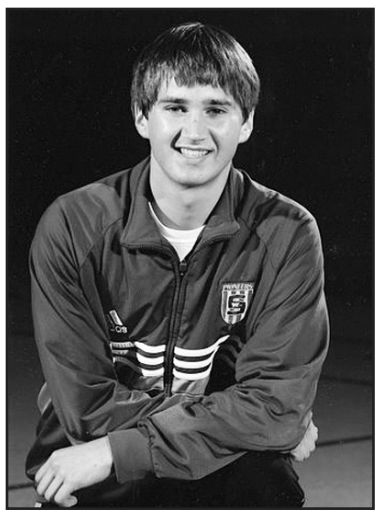
Webster Hotel and Suites Sheffield 256-383-4100 or toll free 1-877-474-6257.

Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,444	Panola	1,403
Pickens	6,273	Pontotoc	9,384
		Total	21,504



Chickasaw student attends Dartmouth Native Fly-In



Eric Murphy

A Chickasaw student recently participated in a unique Indian academic program with an Ivy League institution.

Eric Murphy was selected by Dartmouth College to participate in the 2007 Native Fly-In Summer Program July 22-25. During the event, Eric interacted with 15 other Indian students and all had the opportunity to experience what Dartmouth has to offer.

Dartmouth, located in Hanover, N.H., was founded in 1769. The college has a long tradition of recruiting and supporting top Indian students from across the country.

The Dartmouth Native American Program is designed to provide spiritual, emotional and personal support to Indian students. The program also promotes understanding of Native issues both on campus and across the country and the world.

Dartmouth currently has 157 Indian students representing 50 tribes enrolled in the college.

Eric is the son of Robert and Chris Murphy, of Stillwater, Okla. He is the grandson of Shirley Love Murphy, of Purcell, Okla.

His ancestors include Sally Colbert and James Logan Colbert.

Ada woman takes first in campfire cookout recipe contest

The wife of a Chickasaw citizen has recently won a recipe contest and donated a cash prize to the Chickasaw National Recreation Area in Sulphur, Okla.

Leah Lyon, of Ada, Okla., was first-place winner of the Redwood Creek Wines Campfire Classic. The "cookoff" was conducted at Riverside Park in New York City in June.

Mrs. Lyon won with her Coal-Roasted Chuckbox Pozole-Stuffed Onions.

She received a $10,000 cash prize, and she donated another $5,000 to the park as her favorite charity.

The contest was an event which pitted campfire chefs against one another for the best recipe.

Mrs. Lyon is the wife of Bryan Lyon. The couple has four daughters.

Kullihoma hunting permits available

Deer season is soon approaching and all Chickasaw hunters interested in hunting at the Kullihoma reservation need to have their hunting permit requests in by 5 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 18.

For questions, contact the Chickasaw Nation Conservation and Ranger Department at (580) 310-6466.

Chickasaw elementary student excelling in academics, sports and other activities

Clay Richey

A Chickasaw boy is performing well in school, in athletics and in extracurricular activities.

Clay Richey, 10, of Blanchard, Okla., maintains a 4.0 (A) grade point average. He received multiple honors at the Native American Students Award Banquet and is a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club.

Clay was recognized in May as an outstanding member of his Norman (OK) Parks and Recreation 10-and-under league championship basketball team. He participated on a 2006 champion football team and as a first baseman and pitcher for his undefeated baseball team.

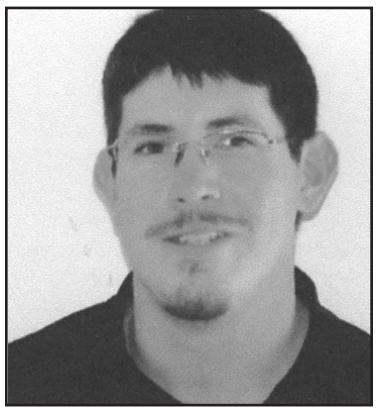
Clay was asked to sing the national anthem before Blanchard faculty and sixth- through 12th-grade students to signal the beginning of the local Special Olympics.

Clay also shows heifers and is raising a bottle-fed baby goat. He has won a grand champion award in his class and has placed in many other shows.

Clay recently played the lead role in the musical "Dr. Newheart" at First Baptist Church of Blanchard.

Clay is the son of Scott and Anne Richey.

Student earns gold medal at Special Olympics; will soon compete in China



Kyle Maytubby

A Chickasaw young man has recently won a Special Olympics gold medal and will soon compete in China on a Special Olympics team.

Kyle Maytubby, of Sandia Prep School in New Mexico, recently won a gold medal along with him teammates on the Sandia Prep basketball team. He will travel to Shanghai, China this summer to compete in the Special Olympics World Summer Games in golf.

Kyle is excited about his opportunity.

"I was very excited," he said after being contacted by World Games officials. "I'm very happy and I can't wait. Now I have to train hard."

Kyle has grown up watching and admiring the athletic pursuits of his two brothers. He has now joined his brothers as a recognized Chickasaw athlete.

"Kyle's confidence level has exploded since joining Special Olympics," Kyle's mother, Debra, said. "This has been a wonderful place for him to really shine."

Kyle is the son of Lee and Debra Maytubby. He is the grandson of Kathryn Maytubby, of Norman, Okla., and the late Melvin Maytubby.

Elders Day & Last Stomp Dance

August 24, 2007
Goldsby Gaming Center

Elders Day

Emcee: LaDonna Brown

Opening Ceremony – 10 a.m.
Lunch – noon
Get Fresh Presentation! School to Work Presentation! Voice of the Elders!
Closing Ceremony - 2 p.m.

Stomp dance at Kullihoma

8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

For more information contact the Cultural Resources Department at (580) 332-8685.

Flute making

Michale Holloway taught several young students the art of making flutes from river cane at the Chickasaw library. Chelsea Ott and Kacie Seeley are pictured. Reese Love, Tara Love, Krystin Wallace and Chelsea Woodlow also learned the art of flute making.

Chickasaw freshman participates in Duke University summer courses in North Carolina

Calvin Maupin-Rickman

A Chickasaw boy has recently participated in an innovative summer academic program designed for exceptional students.

Calvin Maupin-Rickman, who will enter Norman (OK) High School this fall, was selected for the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP). Calvin was among 450 seventh- and eighth-graders who engaged in a diverse summer curriculum of courses designed to stretch students beyond their self-perceived limits.

During the three-week term conducted on the campus of Davidson (NC) College, Calvin took "Engineering Problem Solving."

Calvin wrote that he was interested in "learning more about engineering, experiencing college life and meeting others my age with similar interests."

Calvin is a member of his school honor roll and the Chickasaw Honor Club. He is one-eighth Chickasaw.

He is the son of Tony Maupin. His grandparents are Steve and Sherry Maupin, of Oklahoma City, and he is the great-grandson of Calvin Smith, of Midwest City, Okla.

Calvin is a descendant of Palmer S. Mosley, former Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

Chickasaw Marine attending School of Infantry in California

Pfc. Nathan Bond

A Chickasaw man has recently graduated from U.S. Marine Corps boot camp and is currently attending advanced training.

Nathan Loyd Bond graduated from U.S. Marine Corps Recruit Depot on June 29. He is currently attending School of Infantry (SOI) at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Pfc. Bond is the son of Vince Bond, of Shawnee, Okla.

Volume featuring Oklahoma Indian high school track and field athletes planned

A soon-to-be-published book on Indian athletes will feature Oklahoma track and field competitors.

Authors Lamont Frazier, Sam Horsechief, Jr., and Daniel Littlebear are gathering information for the upcoming volume "Profiles of Native American Runners." "Profiles" will feature Oklahoma Indian athletes who have or are competing on high school track and field teams.

The authors are most interested in names, times and events involving outstanding Indian high school track and field athletes from the present and the past.

"This book of profiles is intentede to reach our Indian youth and hopefully inspire them to pursue one of our greatest attributes," Mr. Frazier wrote.

For more information, or to submit information, please contact Mr. Frazier at (405) 677-0292, lfrazier2@cox.net

You may also contact Mr. Horsechief at 425 N. 12th, Muskogee, OK 74401, (918) 687-1806 or (918) 456-2822.

Mr. Littlebear can be contacted at 189 Fairlane Dr., Sapulpa, OK 74066, (918) 955-6092.

Youth Fall Retreat

October 18 - 20, 2007
Camp WOW
Gerty, Oklahoma

The Fall Retreat camp is open to Native American youth between the ages of 13 and 19.

Application deadline is September 21, 2007

Applications can be completed online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps

There will be lots of fun events and activities including campaign preparations and decorations, a dance, karaoke, a craft workshop, a challenge course, the power pole, the zip line/climbing wall, basketball, volleyball and competitive team activities. Transportation will be provided to and from Ada, Purcell, Ardmore, Davis and Tishomingo.

For more information contact Melissa Wilkerson at (580) 310-6620.

Student earns honors for biology research

Jesse Johnson, Trinidad (CO) State Junior College biology student, right, receives his third place award for his bighorn sheep lungworm research from Dr. Tony Schountz, director of the Western Region, District 1, for TriBeta Biological Honor Society.

A Chickasaw college student has recently earned honors for his biology research.

Jesse Johnson, a student at Trinidad (CO) State Junior College, received third-place honors in the organismal biology division of the five-state Regional Tri-Beta Biology Conference. The conference was hosted in April at Western State College, Gunnison, Colo.

Mr. Johnson presented a paper entitled "Improved method for extracting lungworm larvae from Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep." He provided a 20-minute oral presentation to the conference.

Mr. Johnson also won a scientific artshow award featuring a lungworm photo.

Lungworms have been a key factor in the decline of Bighorn sheep. The parasites are often the cause of sheep pneumonia-related deaths.

Young softball player meets USA's Finch

Thirteen-yearold Chickasaw softball player Alexis Lewis and USA team pitcher Jennie Finch.

A young Chickasaw softball player recently had the pleasure of meeting one of the top softball pitchers in the country.

13-year-old Alexis Lewis was on hand for the Softball World Cup Series played in Oklahoma City in July. While there, Alexis met USA team pitcher Jennie Finch.

Alexis is a pitcher on her softball team.

She is the daughter of Coby and Jaime Lewis, of Lone Grove, Okla. Her grandparents are Charles and Christine Lewis, and Gary and Mary Thomas, all of Ardmore, Okla.

Chickasaw girl

Six-year-old Cailen Hamilton, the youngest attendee at the Northern Section of the Chickasaw Community Council of Central & South Texas, proudly modeled her handmade Indian dress.

Texas community council meets

The Northern Section of the Chickasaw Community Council of Central & South Texas met on June 24, 2007 at the Bee Cave City Hall.

Discussions were held and finalized regarding the next Quarterly All-Area Council meeting scheduled for July 21 at Bee Cave City Hall.

Jay Hurst reminded everyone of the Austin Powwow that is held on the first Saturday of November each year.

The American Indian Law Conference will also be held the Friday before the Powwow.

Jay also announced that by this fall individuals might join the State Bar of Texas Indian Law Section for $10 and become knowledgeable in Indian matters.

Gene Thompson reminded the group of the Chickasaw Annual Meeting scheduled for September 29 through October 6 in Tishomingo.

Annual anti-crime gathering

Tribe hosting 'National Night Out'

ADA, Okla. – The Chickasaw Nation, along with East Central University, will host a "night out" with local emergency responders during the 24th annual America's Night Out Against Crime, set Tuesday, Aug. 7 from 6-9 p.m. on the East Central University administration lawn.

National Night Out (NNO) is a nationwide crime and drug prevention event designed to heighten awareness and strengthen participation in local anti-crime efforts, and to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. The Chickasaw Nation and East Central University have partnered to bring this event to the Ada area since 2002.

Last year, more than 600 community members attended the Ada event, making the local NNO effort one of the largest in the state.

"We are pleased to be a part of this special night," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "We invite residents throughout the Ada area to spend an evening with family members taking a stand against crime."

Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department and the Oklahoma Highway Patrol are two agencies expected to be on hand at the event, along with local fire departments, EMS crews, search and rescue teams and other emergency responders.

Food, entertainment, educational and informative booths, along with guest speakers will highlight the evening. All activities are free and open to the public.

NNO was introduced by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) in 1984 as a means of increasing participation in neighbor watch participation. Since its inception, the nationwide program has grown to reach 30 million people. Ada is one of over 11,000 communities around the nation and Canada, and on military bases expected to take part in the 2007 edition of the event.

For more information or to participate by providing an activity booth or demonstration, contact Matt Folsom or Barry Needham at 580-272-5505.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw named lead university fundraiser

Mary Ruth Barnes

Mary Ruth Barnes of Ada has been named Director of Advancement Activities at East Central University, responsible for building donor relations, developing advancement events and organizing and administering ECU's Centennial Celebration and Centennial Campaign.

Barnes was the Director of the Valley View Foundation, Inc., a separate non-profit organization benefiting Valley View Regional Hospital in Ada.

She is a member of the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy and received its Gerry Gunnin Professional Achievement Award in 2006. She is also a member of the Oklahoma City Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Barnes was an account representative for Jostens and Taylor Publishing Co. for 13 years in Colorado and Oklahoma. She taught journalism and English at the high school and college levels for 15 years and received Ohio's Jennings Scholar award as an outstanding teacher at Urbana University.

She has been member of BPW in Ohio, Colorado and Ada, and recently received the 2007 "Woman of the Year" award from Ada Business and Professional Women, which she currently serves as president-elect.

Barnes has been a member of the executive board of the Ada Rotary Club, served on the Love Foundation Board in Ada and is the past president of Chapter GJ of PEO International in Ada.

She received the Columbia Press Association's Gold Crown Award and the National Scholastic Press Association Silver Crown Award through various school publications. She was a writer and editor for Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Magazine for three years in Colorado.

Barnes attended Oklahoma State University three years and graduated with high honors from North Carolina State University with a degree in English. She earned a master's degree from Montana State University, receiving a reading specialty degree.

Barnes and her husband, Mike, are members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church where she served on the Vestry in 2006. They couple has two sons, Selby Barnes, who lives with his wife Kerry in Kiowa, Colo., and Wiley Barnes, who lives in Ada. She is the daughter of June McSwain Scott of Ada, who is a Chickasaw elder.

OKC Metro Community Council planning trip to homelands

The Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council will have an Indian Taco Dinner at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7 and monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Pat Bartmess has volunteered to prepare the meat and make frybread for the dinner. Please bring your favorite side dish.

New officers will be elected for our Council Board during the August meeting. Please let others know you are interested in serving as a board member.

A representative from the Chickasaw Nation CDIB office will set up a table and share information at this meeting.

Chickasaw scholar LaDonna Brown will be our guest speaker. She will talk about our culture, history and destinations for our October 8 journey to the homeland.

The bus trip committee which includes Pat Bartmess, Pam Conard, Betty Kemp and Betty Smith has been busy making plans for the trip. Memphis, Tennessee will be our first stop to visit Chucalissa Museum and the Chickasaw Bluff Trail.

We intend to visit as many historical Chickasaw destinations near Tupelo, Mississippi as possible. A few of those are Cedarscape, Battle of Akia site and the Natchez Trace. It has been fun just to plan the trip; and, we all look forward to it with anticipation.

We finished our brush arbor float the morning of July 4 just in time for the Liberty Fest Parade in Edmond. Many thanks to Robert Cole for driving his truck and letting us build the arbor on top of it. Charlotte Hulsey provided the sound system which was desperately needed since we followed a marching band.

Kip Smith deserves a big pat on the back for cutting the cedar posts and supports for the float. Robert Cole, Kip, James Humes and William James worked on building the framework a week before the parade. Anna Cole, Sharon Moore, Betty Smith and Edna Welch provided supervision and encouragement (mostly laughter) while the men worked on the arbor.

So many Council members showed up to ride the float that we had to turn some away. Some folks went over to ride the Choctaw float; and, a few others joined the crowd to watch the parade. We will need a bigger float next time!

The youngest participants from our Council were Jayden "Hoss" Wright, my ten-month-old grandson, and two year old Te Ata Trinity Hulsey, daughter of Charlotte and

Brian Hulsey. We won't share the name or age of the eldest participant for fear of physical harm!

During the entire length of the parade, the Shackleford Family sang songs in our native language.

Gaylon Stacy, the announcer, stated when he was a young boy, he had attended church under brush arbors in Blanchard just like ours which brought back pleasant memories.

Wearing a buckskin dress, Chickasaw Princess Monica Seawright was our guest performer at the July Council meeting. She has a lovely voice and was very poised as she answered questions from the crowd about becoming our Princess.

Twenty-one students learned how to make traditional Chickasaw moccasins in a special class taught by Jerry Underwood on July 19 and 20. Mr. Underwood patiently taught us without taking a break during the class. He and his wife Eileen traveled from Tishomingo and enjoyed shopping during their stay in Oklahoma City.

Mary Jesseph has loaned three beautiful paintings to our Council to help decorate our meeting room. Anna Cole has a few of her delightful paintings already adorning our walls. Remember to bring a framed photo of your Chickasaw ancestor to our Council. We are decorating our walls with these photos; and, you may be surprised to learn you are related to another Council member.

Stormy Bryant has been busy updating our website. You can call Stormy at (405) 755-6983 to announce events, include Indian related stories or post photos. Stormy is doing a great job eliminating those unwanted pop-ups. Check out our website at www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org.

Remember the OKCMCCC has moved to a new location on the sixth floor of Lakepointe Towers, 4005 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. We welcome everyone to attend our meetings and activities.

It has been an honor to serve this past year as Chairperson of the OKCMCCC. I have also enjoyed working with the all the board members which include MaryAnn Lee, Charlotte Hulsey, Joanna Gardner, Pat Bartmess, Pam Conard and Janey Dutnell. Each one brought a willingness to work hard, dedication to our Council and a sense of humor as we met unexpected challenges.

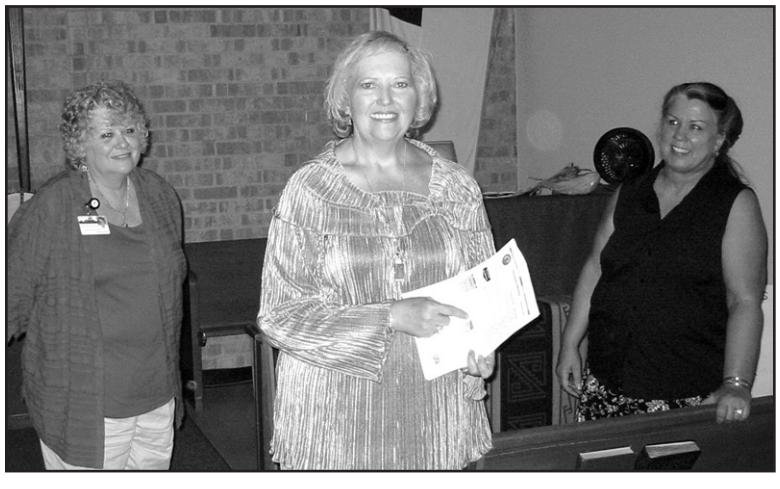
The OKC Council has grown larger this year and accomplished so much due to the participation of our members. We appreciate all the assistance we received from all the departments of the Chickasaw Nation.

Special thanks go to Robert and Anna Cole, Susie Johnston and Linda Zachary for always saying "yes" when they were asked to help. Our Council is composed of very special people and everyone pitched in to help. Each month the meeting room was full with everyone talking and laughing which made all the work worthwhile.

It is time now for others to accept the challenge. Thank you for letting me serve this past year and for the opportunity to develop wonderful friendships which will last a lifetime.

Betty Smith, Chairperson
(405) 348-7459

Wichita Council hears of tribal health programs



Sandi Sanders, center, of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Health Program explains details of services available to Chickasaw citizens during the July meeting of the Wichita Chickasaw Community Council. On the left is Linda Giles of the Chickasaw Special Events Department and at right is Lynn Stumblingbear, chair of the Wichita Council.

Sandi Sanders of the Chickasaw Nation tribal health program made her second appearance at the Wichita Chickasaw Community Council meeting July 15. She updated members of the council on recent and upcoming changes in health benefits available to Chickasaw citizens and answered questions about procedures and availabilities of services.

Also attending was Linda Giles, former chair of the Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council, who is serving as a liaison for the Chickasaw Nation Special Events Department.

Plans were made for the Council's first family picnic which is scheduled for Sept. 9 at Sedgwick County Park. The park site will be available all day and the covered dish meal will be served early in the afternoon.

The next meeting of the Council will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Wichita Indian United Methodist Church.

N. Pontotoc Council to meet August 7

The Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council met July 12 for its regularly scheduled meeting. Mary Jo Green and Holly Easterling were the legislators who attended. Mike Wingo from the Housing Department was available to answer any questions.

Officer Roger Williams gave an informative talk on the Chickasaw Lighthorse Police.

The Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council is writing letters to the Nation, the Governor, and all legislators requesting a medical facility in our area. Please join us writing these letters. We are also trying to put together a bus trip to Tishomingo for the annual Festival.

At our next meeting we are going to have a white elephant auction. Please bring items to donate. Mary Jo Green has already displayed her beautiful necklace that she is donating to the auction.

Next month our guest speaker will be Wilson Seawright. He will give a talk on Chickasaw history.

We encourage all Chickasaws in our area attend our meeting and get involved with our council. Our next meeting is August 9 at 7 p.m. in the Tri-City Chickasaw Enterprise Building.

Wild Streak

A wild streak in this bloodline

generations ago
a wild people called savage who
cared for the land, for the creatures
for the water and the air we breathe

generations later
a wild people called wise who
care for the land, for the creatures
for the water and the air we breathe

some things change while some things
remain the same

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Marshall County Community Center dedicated at Enos

Members of the Marshall County community, along with Chickasaw Nation tribal officials Legislator Mary Jo Green, Governor Bill Anoatubby, Legislator Linda Briggs, Legislator Beth Alexander, Legislator David Woerz, Legislator Holly Easterling, Legislator Katie Case and Chickasaw Agency Superintendent for the BIA Traile Glory cut the ribbon at the opening of the newly constructed Marshall County Chickasaw Community Center in Enos.

On Wednesday, July 25 the Chickasaw Nation hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony at the newly constructed Marshall County Chickasaw Community Center in Enos, Oklahoma.

The 5,000-square-foot center features a 600-square-foot stage, a large multi-function room that can be partitioned into two smaller rooms, a craft room, a computer room and a full kitchen.

"We are honored to open this much needed facility for the Marshall County residents," Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "We hope it will be used by the whole community for family reunions and gatherings and special events."

Future plans also include the addition of an outdoor playground with climbing features, slides and swings.

The facility was designed by Childers and Childers Architects, Ada, and constructed by Midway Construction.

The Marshall County Chickasaw Community Center is the newest of five Chickasaw Nation community centers currently open. The others are in Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur and Tishomingo.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS MONTHLY MEETINGS

~~~ Meetings are subject to change, please call the contact person to confirm ~~~

Ada Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm
Marie Bailey Community Center
1800 Jack John Circle
Ada, OK
Pat Cox
580-272-0549

Connerville Area
Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Monday at 6:30 pm
Chickasaw Senior Citizen Site
Connerville, OK
Tony Poe
580-421-4994
tony.poe@chickasaw.net

Duncan Chickasaw Community Council
Meetings held quarterly
Call for time and location
Sherri Rose, Chair
580-255-0152
wildrose6739@sbcglobal.net

Johnston County
Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Monday at 6:30 pm
Chickasaw Community Building
1109 Ray Branum Road
Tishomingo, OK
Ann Fink, Chair
580-371-3351
flora.fink@chickasaw.net

Marshall County
Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Enos Fire Department
Enos, OK
Sarah Lea, Chair
580-564-4570
lsar747@duracom.net

Northern Pontotoc
Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm
Chickasaw Enterprises Training Center
400 NW 32nd Hwy. 37
Newcastle, OK
Tom Hogland, Chair
405-381-2268

OKC Metro
Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm
Lakepointe Towers, Sixth Floor
4005 N.W. Expressway
Oklahoma City, OK
Betty Smith, Chair
405-348-7459
pikeyscrossing@yahoo.com

Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Regional Office – 1603 S. Green Ave.
Purcell, OK
Keith Shackleford, Chair
405-527-5745
lowakchuffa@yahoo.com

COLORADO ~~~

Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Saturday at 11:30 am
Denver, CO
Call for location
Carol Berry
303-235-0282
Chickasaw303@yahoo.com

CALIFORNIA ~~~

Inland Empire/Desert Cities
Chickasaw Community Council
Next meeting, August 16th at 6:30 pm
San Gorgonio Hospital
Education Conference Room
600 N. Highland Springs
Banning, CA
Lynn M. Dorrough, Chair
909-213-7273
liknryn@hotmail.com

KANSAS ~~~

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, KS
3rd Sunday at 3:00 pm
Wichita Indian United Methodist Church
1111 N. Meridian
Wichita, KS
Lynn Stumblingbear, Chair
316-945-9219
lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com
Pam Harjo, Vice-Chair
316-393-0696

TEXAS ~~~

Chickasaw Community Council of Central and South Texas
San Antonio, TX Area
Meetings held quarterly
Call for time and location
Michele Moody, Chair
210-492-2288
mmoody@docuguides.com

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX
3rd Saturday at 3:00 pm
Urban Inter-Tribal Center of Texas
209 East Jefferson Blvd.
Dallas, Texas
John C. Atkins, Chair
972-271-0692
Injunjon2@verizon.net
Linda Hewitt, Secretary
214-543-1080
Lhewitt903@earthlink.net

Rich cultural traditions

Southeastern exhibit, market promises exquisite art

Southeastern and Woodland tribal artists from across the nation are showcasing their extraordinary talents at the 2007 Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM). The competitive exhibit, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation, begins Thursday, October 4 and concludes Saturday, October 6 as a part of the 47th Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival in Tishomingo, Oklahoma.

The outside market offers Southeastern and Woodland artists the opportunity to showcase and market their work on the beautifully restored grounds of the historic Chickasaw capitol. Organizers are especially excited this year to be able to offer a youth component to the competition.

This special celebration of fellowship, culture, history, dance and art brings visitors from throughout the region.

Past artists include Jerry Haney, Karen Chatham, Paul Moore, Patta LT, Bill McCulley, Joanna Underwood, Kelley Lunsford, Joshua Hinson, Georgie Frazier, Mariah Adair, Steven Cass, Colline Neeley Brummett, Jon Tiger, Michael Cornelius, Roberta Wallace, Wyas Goforth Parker, Linda Hughes, Mary Howard, Carole Ayers, Paul Harjo, Mary Beth Nelson, Fran Rice, Jerico Rasha, Buddy Parchcorn, Talmadge Davis, Lorie Robins, Lucy Wiley, Susie "TeKati" Johnston, Natasha Wagner, Pauline Brown, Dana Tiger, Sophia Perry and Traci Davis.

Artists are invited to enter up to two pieces of artwork in two categories of their choice (four total entries). Artists who earn top honors in the two-dimensional and three-dimensional, cultural, jewelry, textiles, miniatures and best in show will each receive a specially designed commemorative gold medal.

Artists winning first place in each category will receive a special commemorative bronze medal saluting individual accomplishment. Ribbons will be awarded to second and third place winners. All winners will receive monetary awards. The youth component will award ten $100 juror awards of excellence.

All adult competition winners will be announced Thursday evening, October 4, during the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Awards Ceremony. SEASAM organizers will be announcing the awards ceremony location in the very near future. Entries will be displayed at a reception immediately following the ceremony. Winners of the youth component will be announced Saturday, October 6, during the art market.

"This is an incredible opportunity to both feast the eyes and invest in the remarkable artworks that will be exhibited throughout the art show and market," Lona Barrick, administrator for the division of arts and humanities, said. "We're fortunate to be able to showcase works by established adult artists and our young up-and-coming artists in the youth division. This is an outstanding chance for art lovers to meet their favorite artists and to invest in their latest works."

Interested artists still have time to complete an application packet containing an official entry form, biographical information and artwork specifications by September 1, 2007.

Inquiries may be directed to SEASAM youth art competition chair and arts in education manager, Laura Stewart, SEASAM chair Trina Jones or special projects director Julie Burwell at (580) 272-5520 or by e-mail(s): laura.stewart@chickasaw.net, trina.jones@chickasaw.net or julie.burwell@chickasaw.net. Applications are also available online at www.chickasaw.net.

Focus on art, awareness

Workshop introduces culture to public school teachers

Art instructor Trina Jones assists Roff (OK) art teacher Bobbie Sawyers with a beadwork project. Participants were able to make-and-take several cultural art items throughout the workshop.

DUNCAN, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Arts in Education Department recently hosted an Art Integration and American Indian Cultural Workshop at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center in Duncan.

Educators from across Oklahoma participated in the two-day event designed to help teachers and educators integrate art into their classrooms using avenues such as math, science and history lessons. The workshop also included sessions on art elements, art principles, art history and American Indian culture.

Arts in education manager Laura Stewart and instructor Trina Jones conducted the workshops and assisted participants in several "hands-on" projects including clay work, beadwork, shawl making and others.

"We were happy to see teachers who attended last year return to this year's workshop, and many new faces as well," said Stewart. "We were very excited to be able to have it here (Chisholm Trail Heritage Center) and reach more educators in this part of the (Chickasaw) Nation."

Chisholm Trail Heritage Center Program Director Dianne Stuart was also enthused to work with the Chickasaw Nation staff.

"My instructors attended the workshop last year and just raved about it," Stuart said. "We believed it would be a great combination since we are located within the Chickasaw Nation and share common goals. It's a great partnership."

With the workshop location being in the western part of the Chickasaw Nation, educators from that area were able to benefit from the workshop.

Gayle Schwartz, art teacher from nearby Comanche, Okla., said that every beginning art teacher would "greatly benefit" from the workshop.

"It's a wealth of information," stated Schwartz. "Not only Indian related art, but PASS (Priority Academic Student Skills) objectives were well demonstrated and explained. (The instructors) did a great job!"

Allen (OK) Schools art teachers Nickole Bowie and Janice Deaton spend time working on a miniature shawl project. The teachers watched a video of Native American dancers and learned about the significance of the shawl before beginning the project.

Along with this annual workshop, throughout the school year the arts in education department staff also conducts teacher in-services and student art classes in elementary and secondary schools across the Chickasaw Nation.

For more information about the arts in education department or future workshops, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Arts in education manager Laura Stewart shares information about classroom cultural awareness with the teachers' workshop participants.

After School Art Program students display work

Chickasaw writers, artists recognized for contributions

Shelly Wall, Ada, center, accepts a first place award in Division 3 for her poem "Chikasha Seya" ("I am Chickasaw"), from tribal Division of Arts and Humanities administrator Lona Barrick. Also pictured are Wall's family members, from left, sister Leslie Wall-Perez, mother Linda Greenwood, and aunt Georgie Greenwood.

Young Chickasaw artists and writers from across the Chickasaw Nation were honored during an Art Show and Reception Friday, July 6 at the First Christian Church in Ada.

The event served as an avenue to celebrate Chickasaw students' art projects, and announce the winners of the Chickasaw Centennial Writing Contest. The contest, open to all Chickasaw students in grades six through 12, and young Chickasaw adults through age 24, was sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities.

The Division of Arts and Humanities launched the contest to encourage development of literary arts skills in Chickasaw students; to foster exploration of Chickasaw culture and history; to reward writing endeavors; and herald an understanding of the mission of the Chickasaw Humanities and Literary Arts Department. That mission is to ignite as passion for the humanities and literary arts.

The contest also served as a means to promote Youth Arts Month, observed in March, to the Chickasaw community and others.

Participants from across the country submitted poems, short stories and essays promoting the topic "100 Years of Chickasaw History." The theme was selected to acknowledge the Oklahoma centennial.

"We hoped that each participant would further his or her writing abilities, cultivate research skills, gain an enrichment of Chickasaw history and culture, and enjoy the art of creative expression," Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities administrator Lona Barrick said.

"Creative writing promotes opportunities for language arts development for Chickasaws and all those we serve," Barrick said. "Individuals connect with the world around them as they explore cultures and history.

"Writing about what we've learned or how we feel allows us to identify those connections and to express our understanding of them."

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby emphasized the importance of developing language arts skills in young Chickasaws, and cultivating vital communication skills.

"Every person shares a fundamental need for communicating in all aspects of life," said Governor Anoatubby. "The ability to communicate our experiences to others opens doors and builds bridges between cultures."

A panel of judges evaluated original works based on age division, category of work, how well the creative writing relates to the topic, artistic form and literary expression.

Winners of the contest recognized at the receptions include:

Division 1 (grades 6-8) - **Tasheena Miller**, first place for poetry, "Chickasaw Warrior." The poem is about her father, a solider who just returned from serving in Afghanistan. Tasheena is an eighth grader at Mill Creek (OK) School. She likes to write, draw and play basketball in her spare time. She is the daughter of Cindy and Bob Miller.

Sesiley Robertson, Connerville, Okla., left, accepts the Division 2 first place award for her narrative, "100 years of Chickasaw History" from Kelley Isom, coordinator of the tribe's Department of Humanities and Literary Arts.

Division 2 (grades 9-12) - **Sesiley Robertson,** first place for narrative, "100 years of Chickasaw History." Sesiley, an eighth grader from Connerville, Okla., is the daughter of Rick Robertson and Michelle Park.

Division 2 - **Cherokee Durant,** first place for short story, "Summer Snow." Cherokee is a sophomore at T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre, S.D.

Division 2 **- Cheyenne Durant,** first place for poetry. Her poem is entitled "The Warrior's Past." Cheyenne, 15, will be a sophomore at T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre, S.D. The Durant sisters were unable to attend the event.

Division 2 - **Kati Jackson**, Norman, Okla., won second place, poetry, for the poem "The Chickasaw Spirit, A Spirit Living Forever." Kati is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma, majoring in psychology. She hopes to work with the tribe in the future career path. Her parents are Allen and Deborah Jackson, of Lone Grove, Okla. She is a 2007 graduate of Lone Grove High School.

Division 3 - (young adult through age 24) - **Shelly Wall**, first place for poetry, "Chikasha Seya" ("I am Chickasaw"). Ms. Wall is a junior at East Central University, Ada. She is majoring in public relations/advertising. After graduation, she hopes to either work for the tribe or delve into more creative writing. Her mother is Linda Greenwood.

Winners were awarded cash prizes, medals and a certificate of merit signed by Governor Anoatubby and division administrator Lona Barrick.

As advocates for the arts, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities encourages self-expression through all mediums, and art work created by Chickasaw Nation After School Program (ASAP) students was on display at the event. The students created their original art work, which was inspired by the legend and histories of "Issoba Chikasha Lowa" (the legend of the Chickasaw Spirit Ponies).

The displays were inspired by the history of the Chickasaw horse, bred as a heavily muscled and powerful animal and used for transportation, hunting and speed.

Students worked in ASAP each Friday afternoon for a month as they studied the legends and created their pieces. The art show and reception gave family members and the community the opportunity to see the students' work.

Art work from Ada-, Ardmore- and Purcell-area artists were highlighted at the reception.

Artist who participated in the show include:

Ada-Area Artists

Saela Beninati

Saela is a 10-year-old in the fourth grade at Latta (OK) Elementary. She enjoys reading and gym classes at school. Her hobbies are playing games and drawing. Saela has not yet decided what she wants to do when she's older. "I think art is important because it allows people to be creative."

Allysa Blankenship

Allysa, 11, is a fifth grader attending Byng (OK) Elementary. She likes social studies and reading. Special interests include horses, playing outside and reading. One day, Allysa wants to be a veterinarian and an artist.

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Lona Barrick, tribal Division of Arts and Humanities administrator, right, presents Kati Jackson, of Ardmore, Okla., with a second place award in division two poetry. Kati's poem is entitled "The Chickasaw Spirit, A Spirit Living Forever."

"In the after school arts program I enjoy painting the most."

Brandon Blankenship

Brandon is a 17-year-old junior at Byng (OK) High School. He likes science, algebra and American history. His special interests are art and music. Brandon wants to go to college and graduate.

"Art lets you express what you feel."

Daniel Carpenter

Daniel is a third grader at Washington Elementary, Ada. This nine-year-old's favorite class is art. He enjoys basketball. One day, Daniel wants to be a car designer. His favorite artist is Van Gogh.

"My pony is a knight in shinning armor in a ceremony."

Alysia Carter

Alysia, 15, is in the ninth grade at Latta (OK) Junior High. She enjoys shop and art in school. Her special interests include drawing and cheering. One day Alysia would like to have a good career and a happy family.

"I think art is important because it makes you think about things and lets out your emotions."

Kelli Case

Kelli is 10 years old and in the fifth grade at Homer Elementary School, Ada. She loves reading, math and science classes. Her favorite hobbies are singing, dancing and reading. When she is older, she wants to become a teacher.

"My favorite part of the after school arts program is the teachers."

Rhyann Case

Rhyann, 9, is in the third grade at Homer Elementary School, Ada. She loves taking math. Her hobbies include sports, school ? collecting. One day, Rhyann wants to be a teacher. Her favorite artist is Leonardo da Vinci.

"I think art is important because it lets you see something from a different view."

Emily Duty

Emily is in the fifth grade at Latta Elementary. Her favorite classes are English, science and spelling. She has fun drawing, acting and playing sports. Emily wants to earn her college degree and work in something she loves.

"Art is important because it teaches you how to draw."

Madelyn Duty

Madelyn is a seventh grader at Latta Junior High School. This 13-year-old's favorite school subjects are science, geography and math. She likes doodling and playing. Madelyn has not yet determined what she wants to do when she is older.

"Art expands your knowledge of the world around you."

Lisa Eidson

Lisa is a 16-year-old sophomore at Byng High School. Her favorite subject in school is art. She enjoys skateboarding and listening to music. In the future, Lisa wants to be a cartoonist.

"I like art because you get to show your own uniqueness."

Micah Hart

Micah is 13 years old and is in the seventh grade at Ada Junior High School. His favorite school subjects are band and woodshop. Micah enjoys art and games. When he is older, he would like to be a horror movie director.

"I think art is important because it allows me to express myself when words cannot."

Chase Horton

Chase is an 11-year-old in the fifth grade at Latta Elementary. His favorite class in school is English. Chase enjoys go-cart racing. His favorite artist is Jackson Pollock. He wants to be an astronaut when he is older.

"I love art that is goofy, silly and makes me smile and laugh."

Amanda Kretzschmar

Amanda is a senior at Byng High School. This 18-year-old's favorite subjects are art and cosmetology. She enjoys reading and playing with her brothers. Amanda would like to become a nurse.

"Art lets you show how creative you are."

Addison Manning

Addison, 12, is in the sixth grade at Latta Elementary School. Her favorite subjects in school are math, music and art. She enjoys playing the piano.

Courtney Parchcorn

Courtney is 17 years old and a junior at Byng (OK) High School. She likes band, choir and English courses in school. Her special interests are beading, music composition and singing. One day, Courtney would like to attend the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe and train to be a composer.

"I think art is important because you can let your imagination run free."

Ashleigh Sexton

Ashleigh is in the eighth grade at Ada Junior High School. This 14-year-old likes taking art, science and reading in school. Her hobbies are riding and drawing horses. Ashleigh has not decided what she wants to do in the future.

"Art lets you express how you feel without saying it in words."

Niles Wyche

Niles, 12, is in the seventh grade at Byng Junior High. He enjoys taking science, math and art in school. His special interests include skating, building and drawing. When he is older, Niles wants to be a paleontologist, chef or architect.

"I like art because it's a way to communicate and express yourself."

Purcell-Area Artists

Masheli Billy

Masheli is in the sixth grade at Purcell (OK) Intermediate. This 12-year-old likes taking science in school. His hobby is flying remote control airplanes. Masheli would like to be a pilot one day.

"In my art work, my pony, Chickasa Anopa, is dancing around the fire and listening to the wolves howl."

Nahinli Billy

Nahinli, 9, is in the fourth grade at Purcell. He loves reading. When he is older, Nahinli would like to go to space. His favorite artist is Picasso.

"I like how much fun the after school arts program is and it's also educational."

Joel Hamdy

Joel is a 16-year-old sophomore at Word of Life in Dibble, Okla. His favorite subjects are history and science. Joel enjoys reading, drawing and writing his teen novel. He would like to be an author and illustrator.

"I love art that is fantasy fiction. I love mythical peoples and animals – anything imaginative."

Michaela Hazlett

Michaela, 13, is in the seventh grade at Purcell Junior High School. She loves studying pre-algebra. Her special interests include dance, softball and basketball. One day Michaela would like to be an architect or a teacher.

"I think art is important because people can express their feelings and emotions."

Nakoma Hazlett

Nakoma attends the fifth grade

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Tasheena Miller, of Mill Creek, Okla., left, accepts the first place award in poetry, Division 1, from Kelly Isom, coordinator of the tribe's Department of Humanities and Literary Arts. Tasheena's poem is entitled "Chickasaw Warrior."

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at Purcell Intermediate. This 10-year-old enjoys math and is very active in sports. When she is older, Nakoma would like to be an interior designer or a prosecutor.

"What I like most about the after school arts program is painting and drawing."

Raegan Knox

Raegan, 11, is in the fifth grade at Purcell Intermediate. Her favorite school subjects are language arts and science. One day Raegan wants to play softball and basketball for the University of Oklahoma.

"I love art that describes my Indian culture."

Brittani Schultz

Brittani is a 13-year-old eighth grader at Purcell Junior High. She enjoys classes in life management and American history. Her special interests include cheer, track and tae kwon-do. Brittani would like to be a doctor and cure cancer.

"My artwork is of a beautiful, but hidden place that makes you think of a dreamy land."

Brooke Shackleford

Brooke is in the eighth grade and is home-schooled. This 13-year-old enjoys taking art classes. Her hobbies include martial arts and singing. When she is older, Brooke would like to direct and act in movies.

"I think art is important because you can express yourself and see how other people look at things."

Katy Shackleford

Katy, 10, is in the fifth grade and is also home-schooled. She enjoys math and band. Katy loves knitting, sewing and tae kwon-do. One day, she would like to be a doctor or a nurse.

"My pony is named Star and is jumping over the fence to go play with the other horses."

Skye Shackleford

Skye, 13, is in the eighth grade and attends home school. Her favorite subjects are art and band. She enjoys all forms of music and crafts. One day Skye would like to be a doctor.

"I love art that is colorful, realistic and anything that is about nature."

Madeline Smith

Madeline is in the fourth grade at Washington Elementary in Purcell. This 10-year-old loves writing. She enjoys collecting snow globes and her favorite artist is Leonardo de Vinci. One day Madeline would like to be a teacher.

"I love art that is colorful, pretty and shows emotion."

Carol Taliaferro

Carol, 8, is in the third grade at the Word of Life in Dibble. Her favorite subjects are word building and English. She enjoys reading. When she is older, Carol would like to be a teacher.

"I like being able to paint in the after school arts program."

Janis Taliaferro

Janis is a 14-year-old in the ninth grade at Word of Life in Dibble. She enjoys voice lessons and loves to sing. Janis would like to be a doctor. The name of her spirit pony is Faith or Hope.

"I like that I can express myself and do whatever I want with my painting."

Ardmore-Area Artists

Alicia Alexander

Alicia is 11 years old and is in the fourth grade at Jefferson Elementary, Ardmore. Her favorite class is math. Alicia enjoys collecting rocks. She has not decided what she wants to do when she grows up.

"I think art's important because when you have kids you can help them with their art."

Brandon Battice

Brandon, 13, is in the seventh grade at Ardmore Middle School. He enjoys spelling class. His hobbies include playing football and basketball. Brandon has not yet determined what he wants to do when he's older.

"In my work, my pony Nightfire is running in the dark and following the moon."

Lea Bob

Lea is a 13-year-old in the eighth grade at Ardmore Middle School. She loves athletics – especially basketball. Lea lists her hobby as talking on the phone. When she is older, she wants to play basketball in college.

"I enjoy the after school arts program because I can be with other Native Americans."

Chasity Bruner

Chasity is in the eighth grade at Ardmore Middle School. This 14-year-old enjoys language arts and likes to talk to friends. When she is older, Chasity wants to own her own salon.

"I think art is important because it's fun and cool."

Courtney Bruner

Courtney is 11 years old and attends the sixth grade at Ardmore Middle School. She likes math class. Her interests include skating, art and being with friends. She would like to be an art teacher.

"I love art that is about love, is colorful, beautiful and realistic."

Amanda Carney

Amanda, 12, is in the sixth grade at Ardmore Middle School. She enjoys spelling. Her hobbies are playing basketball and volleyball. One day, Amanda would like to be a nurse.

"I enjoy the after school arts program because I can exchange ideas."

Jace Carney

Jace is a 13-year-old in the seventh grade at Ardmore Middle School. He likes physical education and enjoys skateboarding. Jace hasn't decided what he wants to do with his life yet.

"My pony's name is Quicksilver and I have a dream catcher in the background."

Joseph Carney

Joseph is in the sixth grade at Plainview Middle School. This 12-year-old likes taking math. He enjoys art and drawing. When he is older, Joseph would like to be a basketball player.

"My favorite artist is Jerome Tiger and the drawing of an Indian drum."

Lennon Carney

Lennon is a 17-year-old in the 11th grade at Plainview High School. He likes computer classes. Lennon's hobby is playing stickball. He doesn't know what he wants to do when he's older.

"I like that I get to do something different in the after school arts program."

Anthony Cass-Reed

Anthony is 11 years old and in the fourth grade at Jefferson. His favorite class is science. He really enjoys building. When he grows up, he wants to tell people about God.

"I think art is important because you can express your feelings."

Diamond Dennis

Diamond, 10, is in the fourth grade at Franklin Elementary. She enjoys her hobbies of playing baseball and swimming. One day, Diamond would like to be a teacher. "I love art that's funny and colorful and is about animals and flowers."

Amber Lampkin

Amber is in the eighth grade at Plainview (OK) Middle School. She is 13 years old and likes athletics. She lists her hobbies as running and drawing. When she is older, Amber wants to be a runner.

"I like art because you can express your personality, thoughts and feelings."

Alexis Lewis

Alexis is a 12-year-old in the seventh grade at Lone Grove (OK) Middle School. She enjoys geography. Her hobby is playing softball. In fact, one day Alexis wants to be a softball pitcher.

"I like art because it's fun and I have fun things to do."

Cameron Lewis

Cameron is in the fourth grade at Lone Grove Middle School. This 11-year-old likes taking math. His hobby is playing football. When he is older, Cameron wants to skateboard.

"What I like most about the after school arts program is that it's fun!"

Stringfellow Lewis

Stringfellow, 10, is a fourth grader at Lone Grove Middle School. His favorite subject is math. He likes playing football. One day Stringfellow would like to be a policeman.

"I like art because I can draw."

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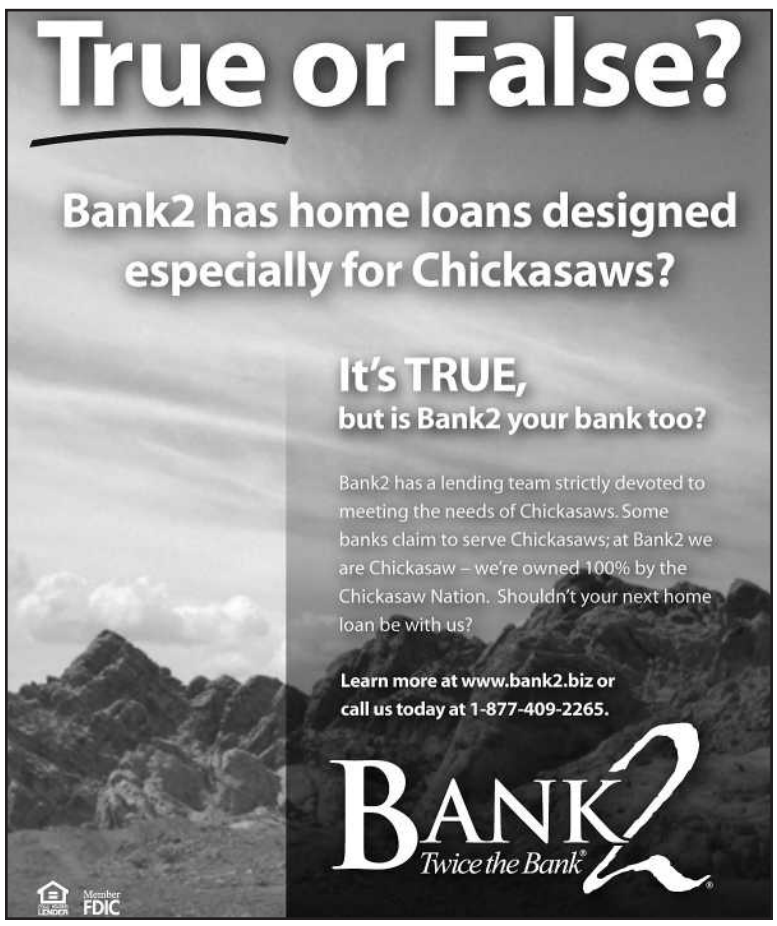
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Students learn fine points of archery during camp

Chickasaw Nation Archery Camp Instructor Kevin Hutchinson, of Ada, help campers Stephanie Dameron, Tishomingo, center, and Amanda Hatton, Ada, tally their score during a target competition, conducted the last day of camp.

Chickasaw students learned the fundamentals of an ancient sport during the first-ever Chickasaw Nation Archery Camp, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education, July 9-10.

Thirty students were introduced to the sport by professional archers Josh Sutton, Art Brown and Kevin Hutchinson. The camp was conducted at the Outlaw Archery Shop, north of Ada.

During the camp students learned the basics of archery including how to stand while shooting a bow, and proper aiming and shooting techniques. Safety tips were also discussed.

Wayne Walker, a tribal employee and Chickasaw citizen, showed campers samples of traditional bows, made from Bois D'Arc, and arrows, made from river cane gathered at Jesse, Okla.

He also displayed a hand-made quiver, which holds the arrows. Walker's grandfather and father made the quiver from brain-tanned buckskin and sewed it together with sinew, which is animal tendon, he explained to the group.

Walker said he learned the craft from his elders, and is now passing it on to his grandson.

Students were also educated on the history of the sport.

"The bow has been in North America for about 1,500 years," Walker said. "Some say the Mongols used them before recorded time."

Romans and Europeans, he said, were also known to use bows and arrows.

The importance of the bow and arrow, and archery to Chickasaw history and culture was stressed.

"This camp serves as an avenue to expose children not only to a new sport, but to educate them on an important aspect of Chickasaw culture, the bow and arrow, which was vital to survival in our past," Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby said.

Instructor Sutton said most children and adults can participate in the sport of archery, and, with a little practice, be successful.

"I've told these kids that it doesn't matter how big or small you are, you don't have to be real tall or real strong to excel," he said.

"(The camp) is a great opportunity for these kids to learn a new sport."

Eight-year-old camper Maebree Abney said she really enjoyed Archery Camp, especially the 3-D targets, which are life-like animal targets. Students took turns shooting at the bear, alligator, deer, turkey and lion targets in the wooded area of the range.

"The students picked up on the skill of shooting rather quickly and we had some very high scores at our 3-D and target contests," said camp counselor Chenae Lippard.

"Overall the camp was a huge success," Lippard said. "The students had a great time and learned the safety and technique of shooting a bow. We were very fortunate to have some of the world's best archers as instructors at the camp."

Instructor Brown said working with the young students was very fulfilling.

"It's best to see their faces light up when they make a great shot," Brown said.

An awards ceremony concluded the three-day camp.

Each camper received a certificate of attendance, group photo, individual photo and a participation medal. Awards were also given to campers who earned the most points in their age group for highest target points, highest 3D points and most improved archer.

"Green team" (eight- and nine-year-olds) winners include: Most Improved, Lauren Burden, Overall 3D Archer, first-Maebree Abney, second-Timothy Dameron, and third-Daniel Carpenter; Overall Target Archer, first-Maebree Abney, second-Thirkiel Wedlow, and third-Daniel Carpenter

Winners in the "Yellow Team" (10- and 11-year-olds) category include: Most Improved, Kennedy Roller; Overall 3D Archer, first-Jordan Underwood, second-Jonathon White, and third-Ryan Cobble; Overall Target Archer, first-Jonathon White, second-Jordan Underwood, and third-Ryan Cobble.

Campers take aim during a target contest on the last day of camp.

Award winners on the "Teal Team" (12-18 year olds) include: Most Improved, Stephanie Dameron; Overall 3D Archer, first-Cohen McKinzie, second- Brian McMillian, and third-Joseph Carney; Overall Target Archer, first-Cohen McKinzie, second-Micah Hart, and third-Amanda Hatton.

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July serves up tennis camps for Chickasaws

Students and adults alike were able to learn and play at three different Chickasaw Nation Tennis Camps in July. The division of youth and family services hosted camps in Ada and Pauls Valley that included two camps for students and a camp designed exclusively for adults.

Chickasaw Tennis Camp participant Taylor Wood focuses on the ball while working to perfect her serving techniques.

Instructors Carolyn Nimmo, Skip Griese (Ada High School Head Coach) and Terry Swopes (Ada Junior High School Head Coach) worked with campers each day to increase their skill level, learn basic rules and scoring and encourage interest in the sport.

"We have had a lot of return campers since last summer and I can see their improvement and tell they have taken what they learned and worked on it," said Nimmo. "That is why we enjoy doing this. Campers can learn basics here and then improve on them at home and at their schools."

Throughout the camps students were taught fundamentals of the game and techniques on serving, strokes and footwork.

At the end of each camp, players were able to compete for a variety of prizes which included equipment bags, racket covers, wrist bands, shirts, caps and more. Every camper received a t-shirt, racket and can of tennis balls.

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Chickasaw Space Camp broadens students' horizons

Chickasaw Nation Space and Aviation Camp (CNASA) students gather around to learn about aerodynamics during this wind tunnel demonstration. The wind tunnel was built by CNASA guest speaker Jeremy John, a NASA aerospace engineer.

Sulphur CNASA student Josh Tingle, right, along with a fellow student work intently to finish their robot projects. Along with learning more about air and space, students build a robot from a kit during the five-day academy.

Several Chickasaw students spent a week of their summer learning more about the world of aviation and space during the fifth annual Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA).

High school students attended the Ada camp the week of June 18-22, and students in the fifth through the eighth grades attended June 25-29.

Several participants in the high school camp enthusiastically said flying in the single-engine aircraft was the highlight of the five-day camp. Some students, like first-year CNASA student Dylan Bennett, of Norman, Okla., actually took control of the aircraft during the 20-minute fight. Before CNASA, Dylan had never flown in any type of aircraft, much less operated the controls.

"I wasn't as nervous as I thought I would be, I just pretended like it was a flight simulator," said Dylan, a 14-year-old who will attend Norman North High School this fall

This year, students were also able to log hours on a new instrument-panel flight simulator. The simulator, which is housed at the Ada airport, is monitored by a computer-operator who tracks the pilot-in-training's course. The computer maps a path for the pilot and logs the hours of the virtual trip. Weather conditions and even instrument failures can be orchestrated from the simulator.

Luckily, during the students' real-life aircraft ride, the only changing weather condition was low-lying clouds. When asked about the flight, Donnie Waters, 16, of Midwest City, Okla., said, "You could feel the movement a lot more, (than when flying a commercial aircraft)," Donnie said. Unfortunately, stormy weather prevented the younger students from taking flight, but the group was able to see the effects of a wind tunnel, which was built by guest speaker Jeremy John, a NASA aerospace engineer.

John designed and built the wind tunnel off the cuff during the five-day camp to demonstrate his lesson on aerodynamics. Students also got a chance to get an insider's view of yet-to-be launched NASA mission, as explained by John. Scheduled to blast-off in mid-July, the mission will send a satellite into orbit in an asteroid field.

"It's a pure science mission," he said. Since data from the mission will be received in about four years, John hopes his insights will make an impact on the CNASA students.

"They are seeing it from the beginning," he said.

This is the second year John has spent some of his vacation time from the NASA Glenn Research Center in Ohio teaching at CNASA. He says he receives personal satisfaction from teaching youngsters. He explains different career opportunities, what pre-engineering courses to focus on in high school, and what to expect in college. "An engineering degree is hard to get," John said. "f they choose it, they can expect it to be difficult."

Even though Chickasaw student Tina Cassle wants to be either a teacher or a child care professional after high school, she attended CNASA to get a better understanding of the world around her.

"I've always been interested in learning about (flight and space)," she said. Tina will be a junior at Carl Albert High School in Midwest City this fall. Seventh grader Tori Coffey, of Ada, hasn't narrowed her career choices yet. Her top picks include a teacher, writer, doctor, or astronaut.

"I might want to be an astronaut, it looks fun," she said during camp. A second-year CNASA participant, Tori said she enjoyed building a robot from a kit on the third day of camp. "It's really frustrating but a lot of fun when the robot works." Five-year CNASA counselor Kelly Reynolds said the students learn to "read, think, work together and follow directions," when building the robot. Students also learn to use hand tools when building the robot. First-time Sulphur camper, Joshua Tingle, also said building the robot was his favorite part of camp. Students also had the opportunity to build and fly kites, received a complete lesson on paper airplanes, toured the National Weather Center in Norman, and received classroom instruction during the camp. Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said CNASA was developed as part of the tribe's commitment to making exciting educational opportunities available to Chickasaw students.

"Our goal is to create an environment in which these young people are encouraged to consider careers in science and technology and inspired to pursue excellence," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Each year the camp is a great success. Many of the students left camp thinking about careers they may have never considered before, and we expect this year's camp will expand the horizons of even more Chickasaw students."

The top boy and girl camper in each session were named "Top Gun" at the conclusion of the camp, and one student was selected "Super Top Gun", including: **Top Gun winners, 9-12th grade:** Girl: Katie Mitchell, Ringling Boy: Cody Somers, Lindsay

Super Top Gun Bridgette Bell, Sulphur

Top Gun, 5-8th grade Girl: Erica Herman, Midwest City Boy: Austin Swartz, Moore

Super Top Gun Kaleb Arter, Lindsay

This year, a total of 15 students who lived out of the Ada area were able to stay in a local hotel thanks to a scholarship program.

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Katie Mitchell, Ringling, left, and Chigger Davidson, Ada, prepare for takeoff during Chickasaw Nation Space and Aviation Camp (CNASA), conducted in Ada last month. Chickasaw students discovered more about the world of space and science during this annual camp.

Tennis Camp teachers

Tennis camp instructors Carolyn Nimmo, Skip Griese and Terry Swopes brought years of experience to the court and taught the basic fundamentals of tennis to youth and adults at three weeks of camp in Ada and Pauls Valley.

Football Camp offers gridiron and life skills

NFL player Josh Norman teaches a camper how to throw a perfect pass during football camp.

Dozens of young Chickasaw athletes received lessons from football legends during the annual Chickasaw Nation Champions Football Camp, conducted July 5-7 at the Ada Junior High football facility.

More than 115 Chickasaw boys perfected their passing, running, blocking and tackling skills. They also learned about the importance of hard work, respect for others and teamwork along the way, characteristics that are important for young people to develop both on and off the field, said Chickasaw Gov. Bill Anoatubby.

"Our young people are the future leaders in both the tribe and in other walks of life," Gov. Anoatubby said. "By offering these types of camps, the Chickasaw Nation can prepare our youth for all types of life events."

The camp was led for the fifth year by Josh Heupel, former University of Oklahoma quarterback. Heupel, who is now the quarterbacks coach at OU, was joined by his father, Ken, a 38-year coaching veteran

Former OU teammates Josh Norman, Wayne Chambers, Jarrel Jackson, Ramone Richardson, Curtis Fagen, Brandon Sheldon, and Rocky Calmus, assisted with the camp. Also assisting were Mark Roozen, Earl Moseley, Brian Miller, Scott Peterson, and ECU coach Chuck Hepola, and many other NCAA players and coaches.

This impressive roster of coaches is one item that attracts many players to the camp year after year, said 14-year-old Kodie Shepherd, of Ringling, Okla.

"Last year I met Quentin Griffin, I'd wanted to meet him for a long time," he said.

"It's pretty cool to have a coach who is someone you watch on television," said third-year camper Trenton Newson, 12, of Seminole, Okla. Newsome is a seventh grade running back for the Seminole Chieftains.

"This camp has the best coaches I've ever had," said Chickasaw student Cody Powell, a Coalgate, Okla., sixth grader.

The coaches worked with small groups of boys, divided by their age. Passing, running, blocking and other agility drills were offered, along with talks on the importance of nutrition, and other motivational topics.

"This camp deals with four principles," said Ken Heupel, "it develops discipline, trust, respect, and the capacity for hard work."

The hard work is always interspersed with fun, added Josh Heupel, who was a 2000 Heisman Trophy runner-up following the Sooners' NCAA championship season.

"We want to teach that being active is fun, first and foremost," he said. "The kids are working hard, learning athletic skills and skills for life. We are also finding ways to teach then how to be a better citizen, and better in life."

Most campers agreed the camp is hard work, with activities kicking off about 8 a.m. each day and ending about 3 p.m. The first day of camp came on the heels of many July 4th celebrations, which made many campers a little groggy.

"It's tiring, but awesome," eight-year-old Joshua Kretzschmar, of Ada, said during a water break. Joshua and his cousin, seven-year-old Zachary Boyd, Tishomingo, practiced their passing game before coming to the three-day camp.

A drag racing team, Top Fuel, made a special appearance the first day of camp. The team offered short lessons to campers about studying hard, and the "real life" uses of knowledge they are acquiring in school.

"We bring this race car to students so they can see the real-life applications of subjects such as science and math," said team member Sam Parton. "It's the best visual aide you could ever have," the former teacher said.

On the last day of camp, Saturday, parents and other role models who had watched from the sidelines put their lawn chairs away and went through the drills with their camper.

"It's a bonding experience," said Heupel.

The Heupels also presented the Day of Champions Outstanding Achievement award to the top three athletes who show characteristics of hard work, enthusiasm and leadership. This year the award was presented to D'Angelo Dunn, Ada; Derek Blakemore, Wilson, Okla.; and Devin Wiegmann, Norman, Okla.

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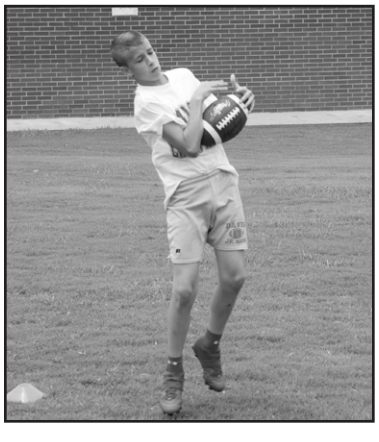
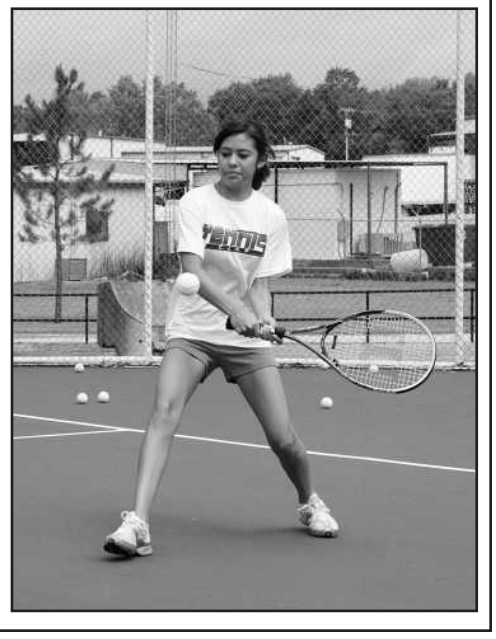


Chickasaw Nation athelete Dakota Pingleton, Ada, makes a picture-perfect catch during football camp. Dakota was one of the more than 100 student athletes who participated in football camp.

Former University of Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel assists two Chickasaw student- athletes with an agility drill during Day of Champions Football Camp, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation July 5-7. Heupel was one of several former NCAA and current NFL players to coach at the camp.

NFL player and former OU linebacker Rocky Calmus gives seven-year-old Zachary Boyd, Tishomingo, a few words of advice during football camp.

Tennis Camp



Camper Savannah Burwell returns a serve during head-to-head action at the Chickasaw Tennis Camp in Ada.

Leadership is students' focus at Pehlichi Ikbi Camp

The Native American band, "Thunderhand Joe and the Medicine Show" provided entertainment during leadership camp.

Thirty-two Chickasaw Nation teens enjoyed the two-day Pehlichi Ikbi Leadership Camp, held last month. The camp included several leadership competitions and a lock-in at Lazer Zone.

Thirty-two Chickasaw students sharpened their leadership skills during the 2007 Pehlichi Ikbi Leadership Camp hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Division in collaboration with the Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Department on June 29-July 1.

Originally scheduled for Cross Point Camp in Kingston, Okla., the threat of high water forced a last-minute change of venue and altered the camp's agenda slightly. Campers spent one night at Chickasaw Children's Village, near Kingston, and spent the next night at a Lazer Zone lock-in.

During the camp, students ages 14-18, were able to participate in a wide variety of activities, from mock budget planning to karaoke.

Six teams participated in several educational workshops conducted by the Tribe's Vocational Rehabilitation staff.

During a workshop on the first day of camp, teams were given a budget scenario and asked to plan a monthly budget and still have enough money left over to save $500 in a three-month period.

Vocational Rehabilitation staff members said the exercise was a way to help prepare the campers for real-life situations.

"It won't be long and these kids will be facing these kinds of issues," said Ashley Palmer.

Motivational speaker Thunderhand Joe encouraged students to have a dream, stay focused on that dream and to stay away from drugs and alcohol.

The Native American speaker told the students of how he held tight to his dream of playing in a band, come true.

The talk was interspersed with music from Thunderhand Joe's band, "Thunderhand Joe and the Medicine Show."

Thunderhand Joe even shared the story of his personal fight against cancer with the students. During his medical crisis, he managed to play every scheduled concert with his band.

Campers also participated in a nutrition workshop, job-skills activities, a scavenger hunt and competitive games.

The tribal Family Life Center pool and an all-night lock-in at Lazer Zone, both in Ada, capped off Saturday's activities.

Campers Daniel Walker and Destiny Hatton were named "Outstanding Leaders" during an awards presentation on the last day of camp.

Counselor Colt Digby, center, gives a group of Chickasaw Nation teens some tips during an activity at Pehlichi Ikbi Leadership Camp June 29-July 1.

Destiny, a 14-year-old student at Vanoss (OK) High School, said she learned a lot from the camp, and found the activities which built teamwork to be the most beneficial. She said her favorite part of camp was the trip to Lazer Zone, and "all the competitions."

"I was surprised when they called my name for Outstanding Leader," she said.

Destiny attends many of the summer camps offered by the tribe, and said she enjoys all of them.

Daniel, of Ada, said the camp "helped me out a lot with leadership skills that I will use later in life."

He listed the games as his favorite part of camp.

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School-to-Work program placing workers on path to college degrees

The Chickasaw Nation's Landscape Department honored some of its hard-working students recently during an awards presentation.

More than 70 employees enrolled in the School-to-Work Program, received kudos for their hard work during the spring 2007 semester. Four received special recognition for maintaining a 4.0 grade point averages for the entire semester. Nine students were awarded for high grades with a laptop computer, during the Tuesday, June 26, assembly.

Landscaping division employees who participate in the program work 20 hours a week. They enroll in up to 12 college-credit hours a semester, and they are paid for a 40-hour week.

Chickasaw Governor Bill Anotubby said the School-To-Work program supports the tribe's mission of enhancing the overall quality of life for all Chickasaw people.

"This program provides Chickasaws an opportunity to seek higher education and still provide for their families," he said. "We congratulate those students who work hard both in and out of the classroom."

Nicky McNeeley, of Ardmore, Okla., maintained a cumulative 4.0 grade point average, and was one of the students who received a laptop for his hard work.

He attends Ardmore Higher Education Center. A 49-year-old sophomore, McNeeley hopes to eventually earn a degree in business. Currently, he is taking coursework to obtain a substance abuse prevention certification.

The School to Work program, he said, "is a good thing."

"We're on the clock while we are at school and while we are in the classroom, it's a good program."

He credited long hours of studying to his good grades.

"Studying makes it a lot easier."

"It's been 30 years since I was in college, I'm a lot better student as an old man," he laughed.

He said advances in technology is one area where higher education has changed since he was a teenage college student.

McNeeley earned an associate's degree from Rose State College, Midwest City, in the late 1970s, and spent the next 26 years as a radiology technician

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Chickasaw girls take the field for Softball Camp

Camper Hanna Asbery tries out her new bat bag she received at the completion of softball camp. The girls also received a softball camp T-shirt.

Twins Kristen and Kelsey Crawford waited patiently under a large blue and gold tent for the rain to stop falling so they could get back to business: learning new skills on the softball field.

The 11-year-old Quinton, Okla., girls were two of almost 90 Chickasaw female athletes who participated in a two-day softball camp on July 12-13. The camp is sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation and conducted by members of the University of Oklahoma softball team.

Both girls, who "play up" on the junior high team, said they were able to correct bad habits and perfect some basic skills during camp.

Their cousin, Sally Simco, also of Quinton, looks forward to the camp every year. She has attended the camp every year it has been held. She will be a freshman when school starts, but she already plays for the high school team, and hopes to take her game to the collegiate level, just like camp coaches.

"It's exciting," she said explaining how it feels to learn new techniques and skills from the same players she follows during the softball season.

Former Sooner player Kaycee Clark supervised the camp. Clark was recently named director of softball operations at OU. Camp staff, she said, was eager to share their knowledge with the younger generation.

"Anytime you get to work with young kids, it's gratifying," she said.

Softball, Clark said, is growing in popularity nationwide and working with young players helps to generate even more interest in the game.

Former OU player Jade Prather made her fourth appearance at camp this year.

She said she enjoyed watching the girls grow in stature and skill each year.

"It's exciting to see their skills improve from year to year," she said, "and to see how they've grown."

Former University of Oklahoma player Kaycee Clark, center, demonstrates the proper technique of fielding a ground ball during softball camp. Clark, who was recently named director of softball operations at O.U., supervised the camp.

Many members of the 2007 University of Oklahoma softball team helped out at camp after completing one of the most successful seasons in school history. The team finished with an overall record of 55-8 and won the Big 12 Postseason Championship for the third time in school history. Camp staff covered all the bases on the fundamentals of the game, with pitcher Jadyn Smith; catcher Susan Ogden; current OU infielder Jessica Legendre; and former player Kristin Vesely, who is regarded as one of the best hitters in OU history.

More than 90 Chickasaw girls participated in the annual Softball Camp, conducted July 12-13 in Ada. The intense two-day camp was instructed by some of the top NCAA players in the state.

Eastern Oklahoma State baseball player J.T. Gasso, son of OU softball head coach Patti Gasso, also coached at the camp, leading offense and defense drills.

The campers worked on hitting, fielding, base running, pitching and went through several game scenarios.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said camps such as softball camp, teach young people more than just about the sports.

"These camps stress the importance of teamwork and quick decision making, which are vital life skills to develop," he said.

The camp, like most outdoor events conducted so far this summer, was interrupted by a brief rainstorm, but a little rain did not keep the group of girls from throwing the softball for too long.

At the conclusion of the camp, each girl received a pink bat bag to match their bright pink softball camp t-shirt.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

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in southern Oklahoma.

He entered the School to Work program as a way to grow professionally and personally.

After many years in the same profession, he said, he was ready for a change.

"One day, I decided I'd like to try something else," he said.

His mother, Winnie McNeeley, told her son about the program. He applied and he began working for the tribe in September 2006.

"I couldn't have done it alone; it's a great way to get schooling."

Once he obtains his business degree, McNeeley hopes to continue working for the tribe.

When he's not studying, McNeeley cares for the lawns of Chickasaw elders and those with special needs.

So does his colleague Andrea Johns, who commented a winter job duty was to spread sand and salt on slippery parking lots and sidewalks.

Johns also received a Dell laptop for maintaining a 4.0 grade point average.

She is attending Murray State College, in Tishomingo, and majoring in business administration.

Stanley Foster, administrator of the Division of Facilities and Support, told Johns about the new program, and from there, program staff members have helped her with everything from financial aid to career choices.

"No matter what obstacle I come across I can go to Don Mose or Shawna Jackson," she said. "Their favorite saying is 'if there's a will, there's a way.' They bend over backward for us."

Staff members assist students with applying for financial aid though both the federal government and the tribe.

"This is a great program. I wish more people would take advantage of it. It's a Godsend to me," said Johns.

Johns previously attended vocation school for two years while working full time and fulfilling family responsibilities.

"It was tough," she said.

Like McNeeley, Johns also plans to work for the Chickasaw Nation when she completes her education because she has seen such rapid growth in tribal businesses and because she wants to give back to the tribe.

"I want to give back to my tribe and my community," she said.

All total, nine laptops were awarded to employees in the Ada and Ardmore office. Students who maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 received a laptop.

Program staff members said several students were "really close" to receiving a laptop, and encouraged all students to continue the good work.

Interested applicants can apply through the Chickasaw Nation Human Resources office. When openings become available, applicants are contacted for an interview.

For more information about the program, contact Shawna Jackson at 580-421-7728.

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Chickasaw Nation Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel praises employees of the tribe's Landscape Department during a recent awards presentation. The group assembled to honor about 70 hard-working students enrolled in the School-to-Work Program.

Chickasaw Foundation's 6th Annual Cultural Evening Design Contest Winners

1st place- Ms. Gwen Postoak

The Chickasaw Foundation sponsored a flyer and t-shirt design contest for the 2007 Cultural Evening, and the winners for this year's contest are:

1st place- Ms. Gwen Postoak - $100

2nd place- Ms. Tammy Stick - $75

3rd place- Ms. Ashlie Stick - $50

Ms. Postoak's artwork was entitled "Remember Our Traditions; Making New Traditions" and will be showcased on the t-shirts and flyers for the event. Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all who entered the contest.

Please mark your calendars to join us on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at Kullihoma for our 6th Annual Cultural Evening as part of the Chickasaw Festival. We will have a night full of cultural events you won't want to miss. If you have any questions, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

2nd place- Ms. Tammy Stick

3rd place- Ms. Ashlie Stick

Affordable Housing

Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development has available housing in the following areas.

Ardmore (age 55+) and Marietta

The **Ardmore High-rise** (age 55+) apartments include central heat & air, range, and refrigerator in each apartment. A convenient laundry room is available on every floor. An on site manager, maintenance person and security at night are provided. All utilities are paid.

The **Marietta** apartments offer central heat, washer/dryer hookups, range and refrigerator. Water is paid.

Monthly rent is income based for all apartments. Security deposits range from $50 to $100.

For applications and additional information contact Ardmore High Rise Office at 580-226-4590 or Ardmore Office at 580-226-2095.

Davis, Byng, and Marie Bailey (Marie Bailey in Ada, Okla., for ages 55+)

Central heat & air, carpeting, range, refrigerator, and washer/dryer hookups are offered. The Marie Bailey apartments provide all the above including washer and dryer.

Monthly rent is income based. Security deposits range from $50 to $160.

Water is paid at Davis and Byng.

For applications and additional information contact the Ada Office at 580-421-8800.

CHICKASAW FOUNDATION

www.chickasawfoundation.org - E-mail ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net

2007-2008 Scholarship Application

To promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

Please Complete All Items By Printing In Ink - Each Item Must Be Fully Completed

The Chickasaw Foundation is very proud to offer funding assistance for college. Please read each description carefully and place a check in the box next to the scholarship for which you wish to be considered. Each scholarship has requirements that are listed within the description. You are encouraged to select all areas in which you qualify. After completing this page, and the attached application, and providing us with the required documentation, your application shall be reviewed for consideration of funding. All applicants must complete the application and provide the appropriate documentation. Incomplete applications and/or applications lacking appropriate support documentation shall not be considered. The following is a list of scholarships that you may be considered eligible to receive.

All scholarship funding begins with each fall semester and is dependent upon the availability of funding. Scholarship awards shall be made payable directly to the students' designated college or university. The award requirements and amounts for each funding source may change during the course of a school year. **All scholarship applications must be delivered or postmarked by the stated deadline date – August 31st - to be considered for funding.**

MAJOR SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS

☐ **Ataloa Memorial Scholarship**
* Full-time Chickasaw students only.
* Undergraduate students pursuing a degree in music (such as vocal, Native American, composition, music education, or any related field as approved by the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees).
* One - $500 scholarship.

☐ **Edward L. Kruger Memorial *Ittish Aaisha* Scholarship**
* Full-time Chickasaw students only with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
* Graduate students enrolled in pharmacy school.
* One - $1,000 scholarship ($500 per semester).

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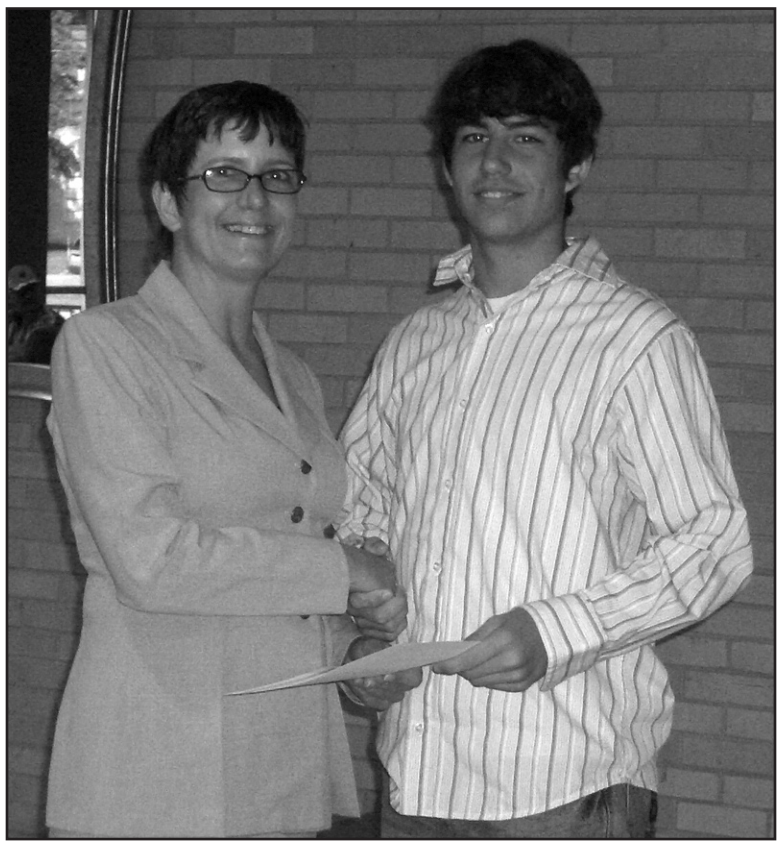
GENERAL PURPOSE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

☐ **Chickasaw Children's Village Scholarship**
* Chickasaw Children's Village students (only seniors during the 2006-2007 academic year).
* Full-time Chickasaw students.
* Beginning freshman at any two- or four-year college or university.
* One - $1,000 scholarship ($500 per semester).

Upward Bound students in summer scholarship program



Riley Harpole receives the Chickasaw Foundation Top Calculus Student award from Ms. Boyd.

For Geography, the Top Class consisted of Niki Condit, Frank Johnson, Danielle Smith, Lindsey Clark, Joshua Hammond, Billy Limpy, Alicia McFeeters, Cheyenne Richards, Jacob Standridge, Tiffany Foster and Jazmine Rossi.

The Top Computer Class included Sonya Brannon, Christina Etheridge, Lee Griffith, Rique Martinez, Rebecca Moore, Emalee Munn, Kayla Ritter, and Ashley Winchester.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math/Science six -week summer program began May 29 with the non-bridge participants moving into the McKee Hall dorms at Murray State College (MSC) in Tishomingo. Students began their academic classes the next day and returned home on the weekends. The following Sunday all students returned to campus along with the bridge students who started their first semester of college classes at MSC.

The Upward Bound Math/ Science students took field trips every Tuesday in June. The first field trip was to the OU Biological Station at Lake Texoma. The second field trip was to the Noble Foundation in Ardmore. The third field trip was to the Chickasaw Nation Aviation & Space Academy (CNASA) in Ada, and the final field trip was to the National Weather Center and Stephenson Research & Technology Center at the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

All students participated in Thursday evening field trips to Texomland Fun Park in Kingston, Lazer Zone in Ada, and Skateland in Ardmore.

Students also participated in the Annual All Sports Day hosted by Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. This two-day event featured students competing with other area Upward Bound programs in several sport and academic events earning gold and silver medals. Once again the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound programs brought home the "Best All Around" traveling trophy for the fourth year in a row.

The summer non-bridge program was capped off by the 2nd annual Upward Bound Olympics hosted by the bridge students. Team events were held in several relays, tug of war and a scavenger hunt.

The program hosted an awards assembly and dance prior to the last day of classes. Students received award certificates for the teacher's pick for Top Student, Most Improved Student and Top Class.

Top Students included: Chelsie Courtney for Zoology and Geometry, Meranda Trett for Biology, Rebecca Moore for Computer Class, Riley Harpole for Calculus, Cheyenne Smith-Veach for Algebra I, Lindsey Clark for Algebra II and Spanish, Heather Pugh for Trigonometry, Heather Stinett for Chemistry, Danielle Smith for Physics, and Kayla Wylie for Life Skills.

Most Improved Students were Isaac Valdez for Zoology, Chelcee Valdez for Biology, Ashkia Hammell for Computer Class, Heather Turner for Calculus, Stephanie Taylor for Algebra I, Sonya Brannon for Algebra II, Shantel Taylor for Geometry, Rebecca Moore for Trigonometry, Christina Etheridge for Spanish, Alicia McFeeters for Chemistry, Jenifer Pedigo for Physics, and Heather Pugh for Life Skills.

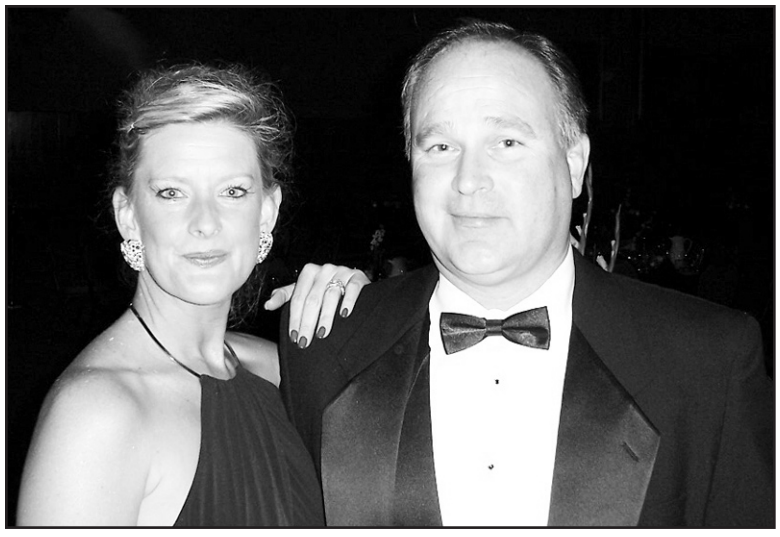
For Geography, the Top Class consisted of Niki Condit, Frank Johnson, Danielle Smith, Lindsey Clark, Joshua Hammond, Billy Limpy, Alicia McFeeters, Cheyenne Richards, Jacob Standridge, Tiffany Foster and Jazmine Rossi. The Top Computer Class included Sonya Brannon, Christina Etheridge, Lee Griffith, Rique Martinez, Rebecca Moore, Emalee Munn, Kayla Ritter, and Ashley Winchester.

The Top Literature Class included Emalee Munn, Jennifer Pedigo, Armon Wilson, Cody Cross, Tosha Deal, Ashkia Hummell, Sarah Moore and ShiAnne Smith-Veach. All students received certificates for participation.

Students are preparing for their last week of the summer session which consists of out of state trips for each grade level. Sophomore students traveled to Dallas for a week. Junior and senior students will travel through Arkansas on their way to Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama for the Chickasaw Homelands Tour.

Bridge/college students will travel to Missouri with stops in Springfield, Branson and St. Louis. All students will be exposed to educational, cultural and fun activities. For more information on the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math/Science programs at Murray State College, please call 580-371-9903.

Fryrear named Chickasaw Foundation board member



Chickasaw Foundation board member, John Fryrear and wife, Susan.

Mr. John Fryrear is the newest member of the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees joining in June 2007.

Mr. Fryrear lives in Norman, Oklahoma and is the president of NAFA Capital Markets. He is a partner with Native American Fund Advisors, director of First Nations Development Institute, and a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Riverside Church, Oklahoma Masonic Bodies, Oklahoma York Rite Mason and the Native American Chamber of Commerce. He is also a perpetual member of the Guthrie Scottish Rite.

Underwood named 'Student of the Year'

Tracie Carter, left, and Chickasaw Foundation executive director Johnna Walker present Shannon Underwood with the Chickasaw Foundation "Student of the Year" Award.

The Chickasaw Foundation established the Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month program to recognize and honor students who display the following characteristics: good citizenship, respectful to peers and program staff, program participation, leadership qualities, positive attitude, responsibility, community service participation, cultural/tribal activities participation and a positive academic work ethic.

The program started in September 2006 and recognized the following students this school year.

- September – Ms. Sirena Adams
- October – Ms. Kayla Bertwell
- November – Ms. Katie Hodges
- December – Ms. Lilnita Lozano
- January – Mr. Shannon Underwood
- February – Ms. Angela Moore
- March – Ms. Jessica Willis
- April- Ms. Amanda Riley
- May – Ms. Tara Lofton

On June 28 Mr. Shannon Underwood was selected "Student of the Year."

Mr. Underwood is a recent graduate of Tishomingo High School and plans to attend Haskell Indian University.

Foundation seeks Native artwork donations for annual art auction

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. We are currently accepting donations of Native American artwork for our art auction to be conducted during the Friends of the Foundation reception November 16, 2007. This reception is conduted annually to recognize our donors and volunteers and we would like to see the number double this year.

Your tax-deductible donation will benefit the Foundation and its scholarship program. Last year we were able to establish the Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship for any college student with a CDIB majoring in fine arts (arts, music, dramatics and dance). If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

The mission of the Chickasaw Foundation is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

Deadlines extended for music, pharmacy, general scholarships

The Chickasaw Foundation has extended the deadline to August 31 for the following scholarships: **Ataloa Memorial Scholarship**, **Edward L. Kruger Memorial *Ittish Aaisha* Scholarship** and the **Chickasaw Children's Village Scholarship**.

The **Ataloa Memorial Scholarship** is exclusively for full-time Chickasaw undergraduate students who are pursuing a degree in music (such as vocal, Native American, composition, music education, or any other related field as approved by the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees). This is a one-time scholarship of $500.

The **Edward L. Kruger Memorial *Ittish Aaisha* Scholarship** is exclusively for a full-time Chickasaw graduate student with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. The student must be enrolled in pharmacy school. This is a one time $1,000 scholarship ($500 per semester).

The **Chickasaw Children's Village Scholarship** is for a Chickasaw Children's Village student (only seniors during the 2006-2007 academic year) and full time student. The student must be a beginning freshman at any two-or-four-year college or university. This is a one time $1,000 scholarship ($500 per semester).

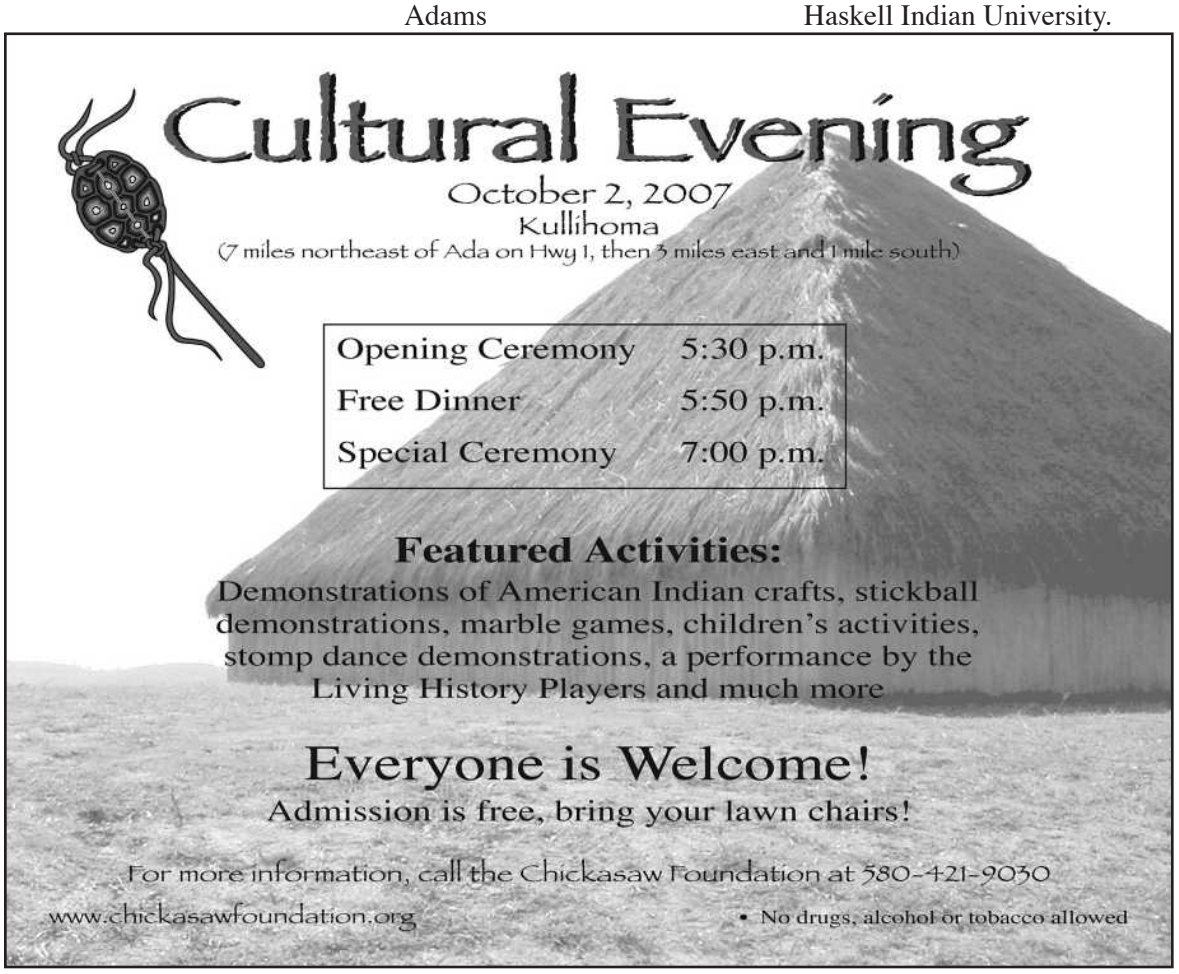
Please contact the Chickasaw Foundation office at (580) 421-9030 for a scholarship application or additional information.

Thanks to Talent Search schools

The Chickasaw Foundation Educational Talent Search Program (ETS) has been in operation since 2002.

It was a federally funded program and housed at the Murray State College Campus in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. The program is ending in August of this year.

Thank you to our schools which participated in the program included: Bray-Doyle, Rush Springs, Ninnekah, Bridge Creek, Wayne, Wilson, Ryan, Waurika and Ringling.


Cultural Evening
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Ross Hill

By ROSS HILL
President and CEO
Bank2

As a banker I swim in a sea of numbers everyday. Some numbers gain my attention more than others. Red numbers tend to put a worried look on my face while black numbers are an indication that things are going fantastic.

The number one is a number that tends to get my attention. Certainly, Bank2 has gained recognition as a leader in our industry on more than one occasion but it is our customers that come to mind when I think of the number one. Customers are number one at Bank2. Without our customers we wouldn't be in business. Treating our customers as number one is our privilege.

The number 4,500 recently caught my attention. What is so special about 4,500? I'm glad you asked. To date, more than 4,500 loans have been guaranteed by the HUD Section 184 Loan Guarantee Program utilized by Bank2. Now that is an exciting number! I'm even more excited to announce that Bank2 was number the one HUD Section 184 Loan Guarantee Program provider in a six state region!

Thanks to the efforts of men like Governor Bill Anoatubby, and U.S. Rep. Tom Cole, the Native American Housing Act has been extended through 2012. This is great news for Chickasaws, especially when Bank2 stands ready to help more Native Americans realize the American dream of home ownership.

What are you waiting for? The program has been extended and Bank2 is ready to assist you in seeing your dream come true. The only thing missing is you! You will never know unless you try. We have all the information you need and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to discuss all the options with you.

There is at least one other number that I really get excited about. That's right - it is the number two. When I think of the number two I think of all the great services available through Bank2. We have a passion for meeting the needs of Chickasaws. Especially, when it comes to home loans designed especially with Native American in mind.

The only number that could excite me more is 4,501. Why 4,501? Because 4,501 represents another Native American who has taken advantage of the HUD Section 184 Home Loan Guarantee Program. I would love for the next HUD 184 loan we do at Bank2 to be yours.

Here is another one of my favorite numbers: 1-877-409-2265. Hundreds of Chickasaws and Native Americans have called our toll-free telephone number and have discovered a bright new future. We make home mortgage loans from coast to coast. Please call us anytime or visit us online at www.bank2.biz. You will be glad you did.

The year 2012 will be here before you know it. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Call and ask to speak to one of our mortgage experts today.

Ross A. Hill is president-CEO of Bank2. Bank2 is a growing $85 million full service financial institution with headquarters in Oklahoma City. Bank2 is owned 100% by the Chickasaw Nation. It's About Money is published monthly by Bank2 as a financial service to members of the Chickasaw Nation. To learn more about the many great financial services and Bank2 home loan programs designed especially for Native Americans, call toll-free nationwide, 1-877-409-2265 or online at www.bank2.biz

The Chickasaw Nation
Southeastern Art Show & Market

Call For Artists: Adults & Youth
2007 Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM)
October 4 – 6 in Tishomingo, Oklahoma

Southeastern and Woodland tribal artists are invited to participate in the Chickasaw Nation 2007 Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM), a juried competition and outside market and showcase conducted on the grounds of the tribe's beautiful historic capitol.

- For adults and young Southeastern and Woodland tribal artists!
- An exceptional juried art show conducted during the 47th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation & 19th Chickasaw Festival.
- Youth competition open to students entering grades 9-12 in the 2007-2008 school year.
- Deadline for submissions is September 1, 2007

Adult & Youth Competition – Thursday, Oct. 4
Adult Awards Ceremony – Thursday, Oct. 4
Adult & Youth Art Market – Friday & Saturday, Oct. 5-6
Youth Awards Ceremony–Saturday, Oct. 6

Artwork by 2006 SEASAM winners, from left, Charles Kemp, Joanna Underwood, Mary Howard and Scott Roberts.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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NEW CONSTRUCTION LOANS: Are you interested in building your own home? If you have been approved for your 30 year financing, Housing Counseling & Loan Services can provide an interim construction loan for you to build your home. This program is open to Chickasaws and employees of the Chickasaw Nation anywhere in the State of Oklahoma. The interest rate on the construction loan is only 5%, the term is 6 months and be prepared to make interest payments on the construction loan during construction. Please call us for further information.

HOME IMPROVEMENT LOAN PROGRAM: Do you need to make improvements to your home but just don't have the money? Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development's Home Improvement Loan Program may be the answer. Maximum loan amount is $30,000.00; interest rate is 5% and maximum term is 10 years. You must be able to qualify for the loan, must have fee simple title and cannot already have a 2nd mortgage for home improvements. Available only for Chickasaws and employees of the Chickasaw Nation in the State of Oklahoma. Work must be completed by a licensed contractor.

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Chickasaw, Choctaw timberland claims against United States bolstered by forgotten '80s thesis

By RICHARD GREEN
Contributing Writer

Scholarly works of history by graduate students normally take one to three years to complete.

The academic requirements for developing such a work are so rigid and narrowly focused that the majority of these book-length history manuscripts are never published. Most gather dust on a library shelf at the universities where they were produced. Although they can be checked out, few ever are.

This article, however, is about one 25-year-old master's thesis that was plucked from obscurity last year during legal research for the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations. The thesis has been a crucial source of information in the preparation of the tribes' joint claims against the United States, alleging failure to account for the management of tribal assets spanning the 19th and 20th centuries.

Governor's Timberland Concern

After he became Governor in 1987, Bill Anoatubby learned that the vast Choctaw-Chickasaw jointly held timberlands in southeastern Oklahoma had been sold in large parcels by the federal government to timber companies. He wasn't able to determine specifics, but was disturbed by the bits and pieces of information that he knew. He suspected collusion between federal employees and the timber companies likely had occurred.

The records, reflecting the two tribes' share of the land sales, needed to be reviewed. But they didn't seem to be readily available, and in the early years of his administration, Gov. Anoatubby was more immediately concerned with meeting the needs of tribal government and tribal members with limited financial resources. But, over the ensuing years, the Governor periodically mentioned his unease over the timberland sales to members of his staff. Twice he sought legal counsel.

The lawyers told him that the federal government, as the tribes' trustee, had the authority to do what it did, to sell and set aside the vast timberland area that was jointly owned by the two tribes. Some of land had been transformed by timber companies into large pine tree farms; other than a few scattered plots owned by private individuals, the rest became the Oachita National Forest, which eventually covered two large parts of southeastern Oklahoma and a portion of western Arkansas.

In the summer of 2005, Gov. Anoatubby happened to mention the timberlands to Brian Campbell, administrator of the tribal Division of Commerce. Not being a lawyer or knowing anything about the timberland sales, Campbell just listened. After recounting what he knew, Gov. Anoatubby said he felt the tribes didn't get anywhere near fair market value for the timberlands. Campbell agreed with the Governor that the subject needed another look.

With Gov. Anoatubby's consent, Campbell called a lawyer in Tulsa, Jason Aamodt, whom he knew to be experienced in settling tribal claims against the federal government. Deanna Hartley-Kelso, the tribe's attorney general, knew Aamodt as well, and the three met to discuss the possibility of Aamodt building a case. Since he recently had successfully prosecuted claims by another tribe against the federal government, he knew where sources of information were located and how to obtain them. Aamodt enthusiastically agreed to do preliminary research. Among the many applicable laws, agreements and records that he initially compiled, he found one timberland sale document that got everyone's attention. "There were spaces for the signatures of the Choctaw chief and Chickasaw governor, but the signature of Governor Douglas **Johnston** was spelled **Johnson**," Aamodt said.

After Aamodt had made a report to Gov. Anoatubby, the Governor contacted Choctaw Chief Greg Pyle. "The Choctaws have even more at stake than we do," said Gov. Anoatubby, indicating the historic 75 percent (Choctaw) to 25 percent (Chickasaw) split on land held by both tribes. (This ratio originated in the1855 Treaty of Washington.) In the fall of 2005, Aamodt made a presentation to the Chickasaw Legislature and members of the Choctaw Council. Later, Gov. Anoatubby, Chief Pyle and both sets of tribal lawmakers had agreed to proceed in building a case.

Aamodt continued checking electronic sources and spent time photocopying documents at the National Archives branch in Fort Worth, Texas, and the Oklahoma History Center. But it was at the University of Oklahoma's Bizzell Library where he discovered his biggest chestnut, a master's thesis with the interesting title, "The Oachita Timberlands of Southeast Oklahoma: Extinguished Choctaw-Chickasaw Indian Title and Unconstitutional Corporate Real Estate Holdings." According to the check-out card, the thesis had been on the shelf pretty much since it had been put there in the early 1980s. But to Aamodt, it was serious scholarship, dogged investigative reporting, and contained plenty of information critical to the case.

Evidence of Unlawful Acts by U.S.

The thesis was researched and written by Richard Hayes Phillips. From his home in New York earlier this year, Phillips told me how he had begun the research. In the early 1980s, he and another person bought an acreage in heavily wooded Pushmahata County in Southeastern Oklahoma. As he was reading the property's abstract, he saw that "on the first page, the property owners were the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations, holding the land in fee simple and in perpetuity," Phillips says. "Then on the next page the federal government is selling the land to some speculators. Obviously, some of the documentation was missing."

As he was researching the land records and applicable federal laws, Phillips met, and was greatly inspired by, the renowned Oklahoma historian Angie Debo, whose 1933 dissertation became *The Rise and Fall of the Choctaw Nation*. Debo told him she was pleased that he was pursuing this investigation. She said she had not done the timberland sales justice in her second book, the classic, *And Still the Waters Run*. That book tells the tragic story of the liquidation of the domains of the Five Civilized Tribes after their political and economic status had been guaranteed by United States treaties and land patents.

Phillips learned that the basis of the dissolution of the Indian nations was the land allotment system. For the Chickasaws and Choctaws, this was provided for in the 1898 Curtis Act and the 1902 Supplementary Agreement, both signed and ratified by the U.S. and both Indian nations. The allotment process was overseen by the Dawes Commission, functioning under the U.S. Department of Interior. The Commission removed townsites and mineral lands from individual allotments.

By law, timberlands were not reserved from allotment, Phillips discovered, and the landowner could sell the timber on his or her land. Congress made an exception by reserving three land parcels of about 25,500 acres of timberland from allotment. Even so, Congress specified that unallotted mineral land and timberland **could not be** sold by the Secretary of the Interior.

Yet, in violation of the Congressional acts, the Dawes Commission on April 3, 1903, withheld timberland from allotment and sought new legislation providing for the sale of pine timber to speculators. The Choctaw Council, Phillips wrote, "indignantly rejected the federal withdrawal," asserting that many full bloods were living in the pine regions and would lose their farms and homes. Congress, once again, did the right thing by refusing to legislate the sale of the pine timber.

But Interior leaders, Phillips wrote, bided their time. In early December 1906, Secretary Ethan Allen Hitchcock, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and two forestry officials, suspended the approval of timberland allotments so that Congress could consider establishing a national forest. Almost immediately, a U.S. Senate committee, holding hearings, called the four government officials and told them in no uncertain terms that federal law permitted the creation of national forest reserves from public lands, not Indian lands. Furthermore, lacking authorization from Congress, the Interior secretary had no authority to suspend an agreement between sovereign nations, meaning the U.S. and Choctaw and Chickasaw nations.

In response, Hitchcock didn't withdraw the order, but reduced the area for the proposed forest reserve. But as Phillips wrote, a "lawless order narrowed in scope remains a lawless order." The reduction brought the total of unallotted jointly held Choctaw-Chickasaw lands to approximately 1.3 million acres. That amounted to almost 20 percent of the entire Choctaw Nation. Nonetheless, this timberland was illegally withheld from allotment by Hitchcock on January 12, 1907.

Phillips wrote, the fact that Hitchcock consulted other government officials about how much timberland to withdraw from allotment after being made aware by the Senate committee that to do so was illegal "is *prima facie* evidence [if uncontested, establishes a fact] of conspiracy and contempt of Congress."

When the allotment process was completed in 1912, the administration of President William H. Taft decided to sell the unallotted timberlands in large tracts. Some 24 tracts of more than 1.2 million acres were to be sold at once with virtually no restrictions, including a requirement for competitive bidding. Phillips found that "no one tract received more than one bid, each being slightly above the minimum price provided in the regulations. The lumber interests had gotten together and parceled out the tracts and each [company] bid on different tracts." Fortunately, when this news was made public, a public outcry forced the Interior department to reject the bids.

Nothing if not dogged in their determination to sell the timberlands, the leaders of the Interior department under President Woodrow Wilson made another attempt despite the fact

*See **Chickasaw-Choctaw claims,** page 42*

College hoop stars lead Chickasaw kids in Basketball Camp

Cuterra Love was a girl on a mission.

The Norman, Okla., nine-year-old was running around the Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center in Ada borrowing any sort of writing instrument she could find, in an effort to capture the autographs of five of her idols.

Cuterra was one of the 170 Chickasaw youth who participated in Basketball Camp, conducted in Ada and Ardmore July 17-18.

She was intent on getting the signatures of OU women's players Courtney Paris, Ashley Paris and Jenna Plumley, OU power forward Longar Longar and point guard David Goldbold.

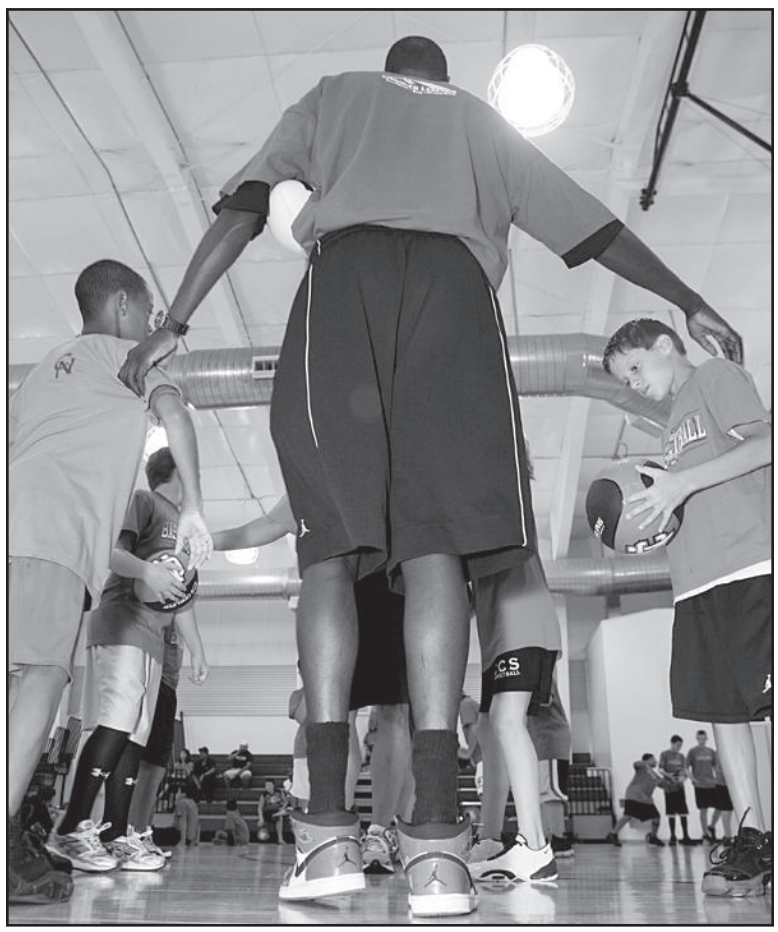
The OU standouts were assisted by Ada High School boys coach Scott Lowrance, ECU men's coach Terry Shannon and women's coach Ken Franz and former Ada coach Jeff Malloy.

The Paris twins made a repeat appearance at camp this year, but for OU powerhouse Plumley it was her first experience at tribal basketball camp.

The women's popularity was evident by the number of autographs they signed, most between basketball drills.

"It's good (the tribe) gives us the opportunity to come and work with them to gain experience in the fundamentals of basketball," Plumley said over the loud thumping of 110 basketballs being dribbled on the hardwood floor. "It's a good experience."

Plumley, who is part Comanche, Pueblo, Otoe and Pawnee, says she gets great satisfaction helping with the camp, because she feels she is giving back and serving as a role model to other Native Americans. Among NCAA schools, 0.3 percent of all athletes are Native Americans, and Plumley is one of the half-percent of Division I players who are full-blood Native Americans. Plumley, who is 5'3, was "overshadowed" in the crowded gym by 6'11" Longar, who also made his first trip to the tribe's basketball camp.



University of Oklahoma Sooners power forward Longar Longar offers some tips to Chickasaw students during Basketball Camp.

"It's great to spend time with the kids," he said. "It's fun to be around them."

The kids thought it was great to spend time the players, too.

"It's more exciting to see them in real life than it is on T.V." said Stonewall fifth grade cager Delaney Daniel.

During the two-day, two-city camp, player were coached on dribbling, shooting, rebounding, passing and defensive techniques, all while getting playing tips from arguably one of the best women's player in the country, Courtney Paris.

She is the only player in NCAA history, male or female, to have 700 points, 500 rebounds, and 100 blocked shots in a season. During the 2005-2006 season, Courtney set the women's NCAA record for rebounds in a single season, with 539.

Students were motivated by the coaches and given advice on how to be a better basketball player.

Both camps, conducted in the morning in Ada and in the afternoon in Ardmore, culminated with a free-throw contest which included the players and the coaches.

Each camper received a T-shirt, medal and a red and black Chickasaw Nation basketball for participating in the camp.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

Campers practice dribbling drills during camp. About 160 kids, ages 8-17 participated in the dual-city camp.

Former Ada High Schoool girls' coach Jeff Malloy gives campers some words of advice on how to stand out on the basketball court.

Chickasaw junior golfers hit the links for Native American Junior Open

Twenty-four young athletes from around the area participated in the fourth annual Native American Junior Open Golf Tournament, at Ardmore's Lakeview Golf Course July 24.

The annual tournament was hosted by the Chickasaw Nation, and was open to all Native American boys and girls. Three age groups competed for first, second and third place in each

*See **Junior golf,** page 35*

Selected as Team Chickasaw members, from left, Ryan Woerz, Ardmore, Andrew Riesen, Ardmore, and Branden Willis, Lone Grove. Chris Campbell, Davis, and Bryeson Lance, Sulphur, are not pictured. Members were selected from the top five tournament scores. Team Chickasaw will compete in the 2008 Native American Junior Golf Tournament.

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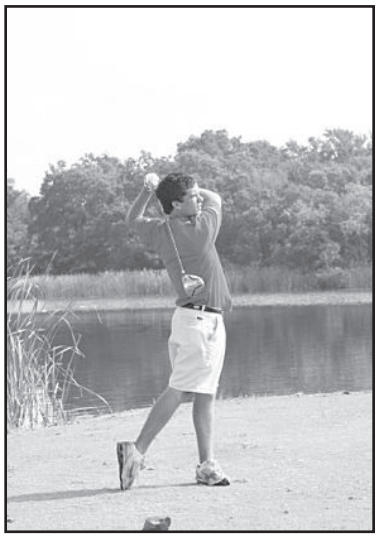

Bryeson Lance, Sulphur, watches a shot during the tournament.

division. Golfers from towns including Ardmore, Dickson, Marlow, Lone Grove and Maysville participated in the event.

Older golfers played 18 holes; and although the younger golfers were only required to complete nine holes, most pressed on to finish their game on the back nine.

The event offers experience to the younger golfers who may not be able to participate in many golfing events.

"The tournament gives our kids a chance to compete in a tournament setting, without as much pressure," said Barry Needham, Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family activities coordinator.

One novice golfer, Caleb Williamson, of Sulphur, competed in the tournament just one month after trying the game for the first time. After a shaky start, Caleb ended his round of golf with a respectable score.

The top five scores earned the older golfers a place on Team Chickasaw.

New team members include Bryeson Lance, Sulphur, Ryan Woerz, Ardmore, Andrew Riesen, Ardmore, Branden Willis, Lone Grove, and Chris Campbell, Davis.

Team Chickasaw will compete in the 2008 Native American Junior Golf Tournament.

Two other competitions were conducted during the day, Closest To The Pin and Longest Drive.

Winning "Closest To The Pin" in the 15 and up division was Chase Pletcher, of Springer.

Doug Hargis, of Ardmore, won the award for "Closest To The Pin" in 13-14 age group.

In the Longest Drive contest, James Price of Marlow, won in the 15-18 age group and Jerrad Wilkins, Dickson, won the contest in the 13-14 year old age group. Julie Uhles, of Maysville, won the Longest Drive contest in the female division.

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Jerrad Wilkins, Dickson, prepares his score card prior to teeing off at the Ardmore tournament.

2007 Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival

EVENT	*VENUE*	*DATE*	*TIME*
Jr. Olympics	THS	Sept. 29	9:30 a.m.-2 pm
Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament	MSC/JCSC	Sept. 29 - Sept. 30	9 a.m.
Golf Tournament	Winstar Golf Course	Sept. 29	2:45p.m.-UntilFinished
Chickasaw Princess Pageant	Ada Cougar Activity Center	Oct. 1	6 p.m.
Cultural Tours, Cultural Demonstrations/ Youthful Celebration	Capitol Grounds (West Lot)	Oct.2-Oct. 5	9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Kids' Fun to Learn Tent/	Pennington Park	Oct.2-Oct.5	9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Chickasaw Nation Senior Arts & Crafts	Capitol Grounds (West Lot)	Oct. 3-Oct. 6	9 am-2 pm12:00pm-5 pm
Cultural Evening	Kullihoma – Ada	Oct. 2	5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Arts and Culture Awards	MSC (Ballroom)	Oct. 4	6 p.m. until finished
Gospel Singing	Capitol Grounds (West Lot)	Oct. 6	2 p.m.-4p.m.
JC Riding Club Rodeo	Tee Pee Arena (Tishomingo)	Oct.5- Oct. 6	8 p.m.- Until Finished
Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments (Women's & Men's)	MSC/JCSC Jo. Co. Sports Complex/MSC	Oct. 6-Oct.7	9 a.m.
Chickasaw Citizens Registration	MSC	Oct. 6	8 a.m.
State of the Nation Address	Fletcher Auditorium- MSC	Oct. 6	9 a.m.-Until Finished
Chickasaw Artists Exhibition	Grounds behind Capitol	Oct. 5-Oct.6	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Band Day Extravaganza	THS	Oct. 6	11:30 a.m. -5 p.m.
Parade	Main Street	Oct. 6	11:30 a.m. - Until Finished
Chickasaw White House Tours	Emet	Oct. 6	12 p.m.-5 p.m.
Cultural Demonstrators	Capitol Grounds (West Lot)	Oct. 6	12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Chickasaw Lunch	MSC Campus	Oct. 6	Noon
Pennington Park Activities Begin	Pennington Park	Oct. 6	12 p.m.–5 p.m.
Horseshoe Tournament Registration	Pennington Park	Oct. 6	12 p.m.-12:45 p.m.
Horseshoe Tournament	Pennington Park	Oct. 6	1 p.m.
Dance Troupe Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds (West Lot)	Oct. 6	1 p.m. –5 p.m.

MSC = Murray State College • JCSC = Johnston County Sports Complex • THS= Tishomingo High School

For additional information about the 2006 Chickasaw Annual Meeting & Festival, call 1-800-593-3356.

Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest May 2007 winners

The Tribal Division of Housing and Tribal Development sponsors an annual Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest each spring. This contest is open to all active participants in the Homeowners Program and runs from May through August.

Two winners are selected from the Pontotoc District, Pickens District and Panola/Tishomingo District for the Legislator Award of a free month of rent. These winners will then advance to compete for the Lt. Governor Award of a $50 Wal-mart gift card. The Lt. Governor's Award winner for May 2007 is Ray Wilkerson.

These four winners will then be eligible for the Governor Award of a $250 Wal-mart gift card. This selection will be made in October.

You can submit your home by calling Kelly Cook or Diana Faulkner at 580-421-8800. A Housing Representative will be sent to photograph your home and yard. Good Luck!

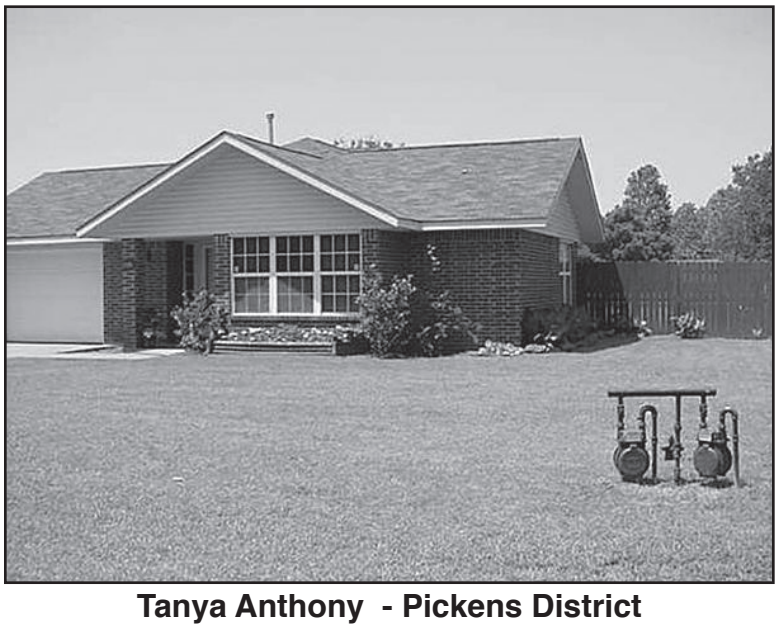
Ray Wilkerson - Pontotoc District

Jesse McGee - Pickens District

Joe D. Beshirs - Panola & Tishomingo District

Laura Lyda-Harris - Pontotoc District

Gene Whitley - Panola & Tishomingo District



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Company seeks Indian athletes for tv series

Challenger Films is accepting recommendations for high school and college age Native American athletes to be featured on "The Real Winning Edge" television series for teens.

The Winning Edge is a reality show that features three real life high school and college students each week who have triumphed over hardships and challenges. Each of these young people is introduced by a celebrity, such as Jeff Gordon, John Smoltz, Matt Hasselbeck, Gail Devers, Evander Holyfield and Dwight Howard. The purpose of the program is to provide good role models for teens through the latest high quality entertainment.

The series is in syndication and is airing this year on the Midwest Sports Network, the Southeast Sports Network, the New England Sports Network, and Fox affiliates in such cities as Phoenix and San Francisco. The Winning Edge is currently filming its 2008 season.

More information may be found at www.challengefilms.or and www.realwinningedge.com.

Candidate's for The Real Winning Edge must: 1. Be articulate and able to express himself/herself well. 2. Be enrolled in high school or college. 3. Be actively competing in a sport (not football, basketball, swimming or men's track.) 4. Have good moral character, including faith. 5. Have a story of dealing with adversity.

Please email Kathleen Watson at Challenger Films, kwatson@challengerfilms.org if you have a recommendation for the series.

Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest June 2007 winners

The Homeowners Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest is sponsored by the Division of Housing and is open to all families who are current participants in the Homeowners program by calling (580) 421-8800. The contest will run from May through August.

Two homes from each legislative district were chosen to receive the Legislative Award. The Legislative Award entitles the homeowner to a certificte and a free month's rent.

The Lt. Governor's Award is then selected from the Legislative Award winners. The Lt. Governor's Award is a $50 Wal Mart gift card. The Lt. Governor's Award winner for June 2007 is Billy Duckworth.

The four Lt. Governor's winners will be eligible for the Governor's award of a $250 Wal Mart gift card.

Billy Duckworth – Panola & Tishomingo District

Linda Caldwell – Pickens District

Kathy Eagle – Panola & Tishomingo District

Phyllis Carroll – Pickens District

Jonetta Whitworth – Pontotoc District

Wand Benton – Pontotoc District

ADA sponsors 'Step Out to Fight Diabetes'

ALEXANDRIA, Virginia - In order to keep pace with the growing number of Americans with diabetes, the American Diabetes Association (ADA) invites communities nationwide to "Step Out to Fight Diabetes" in their brand new fund-raising walk.

Formerly known as America's Walk for Diabetes, Step Out to Fight Diabetes is a one - day walk in more than 200 cities this fall. With 20 million Americans living with diabetes, ADA created Step Out to Fight Diabetes as an aggressive attack against the disease - and a cry of hope for those affected by it.

"Step Out to Fight Diabetes has a wide appeal and a fresh look," said board chairman Darlene Cain. "With so many Americans affected by diabetes, we want to reach out to them, educate them and bring a new generation of people into the ADA family. Working together is the only way we will find a cure for this disease."

At a Step Out to Fight Diabetes event, routes range from two to six miles and are accessible to people of all ages and levels of mobility. Along the walk, participants are supported by volunteers offering water, snacks, entertainment and encouragement. The event draws a large contingency of individuals and teams, comprised of families, friends and corporations, all walking and raising money in support of ADA.

National sponsors of the event include Cary's Sugar Free Syrup, Diet Rite and Kmart Pharmacy. All funds raised from Step Out to Fight Diabetes are used in support of the Association's mission: to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

Diabetes is the fifth-deadliest disease in the United States. Since 1987 the death rate due to diabetes has increased by 45 percent, while the death rates due to heart disease, stroke, and cancer have declined. Due to the fact that diabetes manifests itself in two types, Type 1 and Type 2, the disease is often misunderstood by the public.

To be a part of the cure, visit diabetes.org/stepout or call 1-888-DIABETES. Step Out to Fight Diabetes offers an exciting event experience for volunteers, participants and all those who enjoy the feeling of being part of a community.

The American Diabetes Association is the nation's leading voluntary health organization supporting diabetes research, information, and advocacy. Founded in 1940, the Association has offices in every region of the country providing services in more than 800 communities.

CNHS Diabetes Care Center director named to policy board

Dr. Curtis Harris

Dr. Curtis Harris, Chickasaw Nation Health System Chief of Endocrinology and Medical Director of the Diabetes Care Center, was recently elected to the board of directors of The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB).

Dr. Harris was elected to a two-year term by vote of the representatives of the 70 medical licensure boards in the United States and its protected territories.

The Federation of State Medical Boards is a national nonprofit organization. Its mission is to continually improve the quality, safety and integrity of health care through developing and promoting high standards for physician licensure and practice. The FSMB is based in Dallas and serves as the national voice for its member boards and is a recognized authority throughout the United States on issues related to medical licensure and discipline.

The FSMB sets national policy for discipline and quality improvement for all medical and osteopathic doctors, develops policies that promote best practices in medical regulation and encourages uniformity in how states license and discipline physicians, verifies medical credentials for state medical boards, provides educational programs for members and staff of state medical boards among other activities. The FSMB is involved in many important issues impacting patient protection and care.

Dr. Harris also serves on the Oklahoma Medical Licensure Board. He was appointed to a seven-year term by Governor Brad Henry in 2005.

Dr. Harris has been with CNHS since August 2003. Prior to his current position with CNHS, Dr. Harris had a private practice in Oklahoma City for more than 25 years.

Dr. Harris received a master's degree in biochemistry and his medical degree from the University of Washington. During his time at the University of Washington, he worked with Dr. Fisher and Dr. Krebs, of the famed Krebs Cycle, on a project that received the Nobel Prize in 1998. Dr. Harris was recognized as the outstanding medical school graduate of his class and was the first recipient of the Medical Faculty Award for academic excellence in medicine and medical education.

Dr. Harris also received a Juris Doctorate in 1994 from the Oklahoma City University School of Law. He graduated first in his class and was awarded the Oklahoma Bar Association's Award for Excellence. He also serves as an adjunct professor of law at his most recent alma mater.

Dr. Harris has three children and eight grandchildren.

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Kids' school immunizations due

It's that time again…school is about to start, and many Oklahoma parents are preparing to have their children immunized for the upcoming school year. Parents who take their children in for vaccinations now can avoid the back-to-school rush.

To schedule immunizations, or to ask questions regarding immunizations and immunization schedules, please contact the Chickasaw Nation Pediatrics Department at (580) 421-4550.

While no one looks forward to vaccines, the benefits of preventing serious diseases offset the mild discomfort of the shot. Immunizations, like any medicine, can cause side effects.

"There are risks with immunizations, most of them being mild and localized reactions, more serious reactions are extremely rare and the immunizations keep children from having a variety of horrible and sometimes life-threatening diseases," said Audrey Ennis, RN Nurse Manager for CNHS Pediatrics.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the United States currently has the safest, most effective vaccine supply in history. A vaccine must undergo years of testing before it can be licensed and once in use, vaccines are continually monitored for safety.

To enroll in any public or private kindergarten, elementary or secondary school in Oklahoma, students must be current on all required vaccinations. Also, children transferring to Oklahoma schools from other states may need the hepatitis A vaccine. This vaccine is not required in all states, but it is required for all Oklahoma students enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Ennis estimates that CNHS Pediatrics generally gives 150-200 more vaccines in preparation for children to return to school.

"Kids just entering school are seen in swarms this time of year," said Ennis.

She urged parents to make appointments early to avoid the last minute rush.

The Chickasaw Nation Health System will coordinate with Headstart to conduct physicals and catch children attending Head Start up on immunizations on September 13, 2007 from 9 a.m.- noon.

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Lupus symposium set for Bacone

MUSKOGEE, Okla. – The Lupus Foundation of America, Oklahoma Chapter will be hosting a Lupus Symposium at Bacone College in Muskogee on August 4, 2004. The symposium will be in the Wacoche Hall. It will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a working lunch provided. This event is free to the general public.

The purpose of the symposium is to educate the public about Lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease which attacks healthy organs and tissues. Currently in Oklahoma, there are over 13,000 lupus patients and nationally, approximately two million are living with lupus. This symposium is designed to assist newly diagnosed patients as well as educate family members and loved ones about living with lupus.

The event will be emceed by Chastity Anderson, Mrs. Oklahoma 2006, Tulsa support group facilitator and lupus patient. There will also be featured speakers who will be explaining the disease in detail as well as other helpful information about living with lupus.

The event will also feature numerous vendors who specialize in health related industries as well at other vendors. If you are interested in becoming a vendor for the symposium, please contact Chastity Anderson at 918-451-4979 or by email, chazzbug@yahoo.com.

For further information or question, you may view the OK Chapter's website for the Lupus Foundation of America at www.oklupus.com or call 405-495-8787 or 918-451-4979.

Vavricka-Conaway earns Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE)

Melissa Vavricka-Conaway

Melissa Vavricka-Conaway, Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center Dietitian, recently received her Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE) credentials from the National Certified Board for Diabetes Educators.

Candidates for this exam must meet rigorous credential and professional practice experience requirements to be eligible for certification. The CDE exam is very intense and is comprised of 200 multiple choice, objective questions and a total testing time of four hours. The exam content is based on assessment, intervention, program development and administration. By achieving the CDE credential one exhibits to people with diabetes and employers that they retain distinct and specialized knowledge, thereby promoting quality of care for people with diabetes.

Vavricka-Conaway graduated from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center with a bachelor's degree in nutritional sciences in 2000. She is a registered and licensed dietitian, certified breastfeeding educator and now a certified diabetes educator. She has been with the Chickasaw Nation since March 2006. She worked at Valley View Regional Hospital in Ada for six years prior to her current position with CNHS.

Vavricka-Conaway pursued the CDE examination because she holds a personal vested interest in diabetes.

"I have always been interested in diabetes due to my father being diabetic," she said.

"I started working with the outpatient classes at Valley View and really enjoyed getting to know the patients and being able to follow-up with them. Since then, my personal goal was to become a CDE and really focus on diabetes. Working at the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Center was my dream job, and now it has all come true!"

Vavricka-Conaway is married to B.J., who works at Valley View and is currently pursuing his LPN certification. She has one son, Stephen Gammill, who is 12 and attends the Ada school system. In her spare time, Vavricka-Conaway enjoys scrapbooking with her mother, spending time with her family and cheering her son on from the sidelines of his many sporting events.

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New technology to support enhanced service

SPIRIT to streamline services to WIC families

Several people involved in the SPIRIT project were in attendance at the reception celebrating the successful implementation of the SPIRIT project. From left are Covansys consultant Stephen Kakavecos; SPIRIT project manager Jan L'Hommedieu; tribal Nutrition Services Director Melinda Newport; tribal Health and Housing information officer Carol McCurdy; CNI Business Process Management director Terry Clark; CNHS administrator Bill Lance; and chief information officer Chuck Dougherty.

The Chickasaw Nation celebrated the successful implementation of the Successful Partners In Reaching Innovative Technology (SPIRIT) system on June 29 at the Chickasaw Nation Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic in Ada.

SPIRIT is a group of 13 partners within Oklahoma and New Mexico. The Chickasaw Nation is the lead agency in the project. The partners include the Chickasaw Nation, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Wichita Caddo Delaware (WCD) Enterprises, Otoe-Missouria, Inter-Tribal Council (ITC), Choctaw Nation, Osage Nation, Acoma Canoncito & Laguna Hospital (ACL), Santo Domingo Pueblo, Five Sandoval Pueblo, Zuni Pueblo, Eight Northern Pueblos and San Felipe Pueblo.

The SPIRIT project has been funded with $8 million and has been an ongoing project for over five years.

The new SPIRIT system will benefit WIC participants by enabling WIC to adopt a paperless system that uses electronic signatures and scanning applications. This should mean less time on paperwork and more time with clients. The SPIRIT system will reduce client wait time. The new system also increases accuracy and reduces the risk of errors. SPIRIT has resulted in an overall streamlined operation of the WIC program.

"We are excited to be involved in this project, helping to bring technological advances to our tribe and others," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "This software will significantly improve the delivery of critical services to our WIC families, and that is something of which we can all be proud."

The SPIRIT project has involved many facets of the Chickasaw Nation and partnerships with other tribes and technology companies. Melinda Newport, Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Director and Joy Endres, Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Deputy Director, have been co-chairs of the SPIRIT initiative since its initiation in 2002. The Chickasaw Nation Information Technology Department has been a vital part of the SPIRIT project as well, helping to facilitate testing of the new software. Chickasaw Nation Industries (CNI) has also been involved in the SPIRIT project. CNI was awarded the helpdesk contract for the new system and will provide help desk support for all of the SPIRIT partners.

Covansys Corporation, a global consulting and technology services company, developed the web-based information management system for the SPIRIT project.

Bill Lance, Chickasaw Nation Health System Administrator expressed his appreciation to everyone involved in the SPIRIT Project. "Congratulations to our team for being on the forefront of technology with this software management system. We appreciate all of your hard work and collaboration to make this project a success so that we can better serve our clients. Congratulations on a job well done!"

The SPIRIT software is creating buzz among WIC agencies across the nation. According to Melinda Newport, the Chickasaw Nation has already been contacted by many states for additional information or on-site visits to experience this new software.

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Food Distribution programs share information to improve processes

Kathy Bean and Alicson Scott from Get Fresh! help conference participants read nutrition labels during a workshop.

The Chickasaw Nation Food Distribution Program assisted in hosting the 20th Annual National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations (NAFDPIR) Conference on June 10-15 in San Antonio, Texas.

The NAFDPIR conference provides an opportunity for programs from across the country to come together to receive trainings, hear from national speakers and meet, share and receive information with U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) officials. This year's conference was attended by 225 representatives from 113 Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs) and USDA officials from four regions and Washington, D.C. The Southwest Region hosted this year's conference.

According to Roxanna Newsom, NAFDPIR Committee Chair and Chickasaw Nation Food Distribution Program Manager, after evaluating feedback received about this year's conference, "it was the most successful conference the organization has held in its 20 year history." The week's agenda was packed with fun activities promoting wellness and nutrition. All conference participants were invited to a "poker walk" on the Riverwalk each morning.

Several staff members from the Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services offices attended this year's conference to help support the event.

"Their support was crucial. The Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services is fortunate to have such knowledgeable, capable staff. I believe we have the strongest nutrition component of any food distribution program in the country and it is always our pleasure and honor to share any ideas or information with other tribal programs that desire to strengthen the nutrition component of the program."

In addition to several nutrition workshops, Nutrition Services staff members also presented workshops relating to warehousing, outreach and retention.

Next year's NAFDPIR conference will be held in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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Sarah Miracle, Get Fresh! Program manager, speaks at the NAFDPIR conference.

Moms paying attention to health benefits of breastfeeding

Breastfeeding on the upswing among American mothers

The promotion of breastfeeding has been an ongoing priority of WIC. Evidence continues to mount regarding the value of breastfeeding for both women and infants. Human milk provides developmental, nutritional, and immunologic benefits to the infant that cannot be duplicated by formula.

With the development of iron-fortified formula, breastfeeding rates began to decrease in the late 1950s as formula feeding gained popularity. In 1971, only 24.7% of mothers left the hospital breastfeeding. Since that time, breastfeeding initiation rates have been increasing fairly consistently, but they have not yet reached the goals set by the United States Public Health Service for Healthy People 2010.

In 2005, 72.9% of all U.S. mothers initiated breastfeeding. Although this is close to the target rate of 75%, there is still a long way to go to achieve breastfeeding rates of 50% at 6 months and 25 % at 12 months.

The increase in the proportion of women initiating breastfeeding reflects a growing awareness of the advantages of breast milk over formula. Improvement in breastfeeding initiation rates, however, has been uneven, as women attempt to overcome practical obstacles. In 2005, the rate of breastfeeding at six months reached 39.1%, the highest rate in nearly 35 years since such data has been collected.

The biggest decrease in rates occurs within the first month after discharge. Some of the most common reasons are insufficient milk productions, difficulty with attachment (latch-on and infant sucking) and lack of maternal confidence. Women enrolled in WIC are among those with the most rapid increases in rates of breastfeeding, although their rates remain well below national averages.

Research in the United States and throughout the world indicates that breastfeeding and human milk provide benefits to infants, women, families and society. This research has been conducted in a variety of settings, resulting in information derived from culturally and economically diverse populations.

Benefits for infants have been established in the following areas:

- Human milk provides specie-specific and age-specific nutrients for the infant
- Colostrum, the fluid secreted from the breast immediately after infant's birth, conveys a high level of immune protection.
- During the first 4-7 days after birth, breast milk protein and mineral concentrations decrease, and water, fat and lactose increase to meet the changing needs of the infant.
- Human milk contains factors that act as biological signals for promoting growth.
- Human milk also contains multiple substances with antimicrobial properties, which protect against infection.
- Benefits of breastfeeding for women start in the immediate postpartum period with the release of oxytocin during milk let-down. This results in uterine contractions aiding with uterine involution and a decrease in maternal blood loss. Additionally, evidence exists that oxytocin and prolactin contribute to the mother's feelings of relaxation and of her attachment to her baby. Breastfeeding is also associated with decreased risk of developing ovarian and breast cancer. Importantly, clinical studies have demonstrated a protective effect of breastfeeding, such as lower incidence of osteoporosis and hip fracture after menopause.

Studies show that the breastfed child has fewer illnesses and therefore, fewer visits to the doctor and hospital. This translates into lower medical expenses and, for women who work outside the home, less absenteeism from work. Because women now constitute a large part of the workforce, the improvement of work productivity may be significant for society as well. More than 60% of all women return to outside employment during the first year after the birth of a child. Society also benefits when ecological issues of disposal of formula cans, bottles and bottle liners are considered.

Women who initiate breastfeeding should be assured that they will have support and that there are options for problem solving and professionals available to help address the difficulties they may encounter. Physicians and other health professionals should recognize the potential effectiveness of applying their knowledge and skills to encourage and support women in initiating and continuing breastfeeding.

The WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor program was established to provide support and education to mothers who want to breastfeed. Peer Counselors are available in all WIC locations and surrounding areas in the following cities: Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Duncan and Purcell. Debra Cox, a board certified Lactation Consultant, coordinates the program and offers specialized help to moms having difficulties establishing breastfeeding.

The goal is to make breastfeeding the preferred method of infant feeding for all mothers as is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. For help and support in the area of breastfeeding call (580) 399-2002, (580) 310-6420 or the toll free breastfeeding warm line, (888) 439-8970.

Information was provided by 2007 January-February Breastfeeding: Maternal and Infant Aspects. ACOG Clinical Review

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By Anona McCullar

12-Minute Fitness test

To get a good idea of your fitness level before starting an exercise program, try running or walking for 12 minutes and see what kind of distance you can cover. If you cover a mile or more you are in decent shape. You should feel good about where you are. Don't feel bad if you don't get close to a mile. Most beginners can't. You just have to start out at a pace that is comfortable for you and increase it as your fitness improves.

The Moccasin Trail Program would like to thank the following for accomplishing over the 1000 mile goal.

Bertha Allen, Winnie McNeely, Aaron McNeill, Judy Thomas, and Christian Williams.

Congrats gals and guys!

The Chickasaw Nation Wellness Centers

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Hours of Operation

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Friday	*5:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m.– Noon
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Enrollment Fees	
• Chickasaw Tribal Members (Including immediate family members)	Free of Charge
• Chickasaw Nation Employees (Including immediate family members)	Free of Charge
• American Indian Senior Citizens (Including their spouse)	Free of Charge
• Non-Indian Senior Citizens (60 and up)	$15.00/month
• Other Indian Tribes – Individual (With CDIB card)	$15.00/month
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Lives of Chickasaw elders celebrated at conference

Joann Ellis, left, of the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resources Department, visits with senior Winnie McNeely of the Ardmore Senior Site.

The Chickasaw Nation Division on Aging recently hosted its 15th Annual Senior Conference at WinStar Casinos in Thackerville, Oklahoma.

Approximately 200 seniors from across the state gathered for the event and enjoyed guest speakers, dining, gaming, entertainment and fellowship.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel visited the conference and spoke with participants about the event.

"Our ancestors held their elders in high regard," said Governor Anoatubby, "and we want to continue in that tradition by honoring our elders today. This conference is just one way we can get together with our seniors and celebrate this time in their lives."

With a conference theme of "Making Choices for a Healthier Future," participants were able to gain valuable information from a list of experts in the fields of health, wellness, food, nutrition, culture and history.

Presentations were made on subjects such as arthritis and activity, fitness, hospital construction updates, diabetes prevention, community gardens, farmers' market, senior nutrition, Chickasaw history and boarding school history.

A special memorial slide show was also shown to honor the lives of those who passed in the previous year, and entertainment was provided by gospel singers Maci and Gaye Gastineau.

This was the 15th year for the two-day event and the second year it took place at WinStar Casinos. For more information on future conferences or other division on aging events, call (580) 795-9790.

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Carol Davis, Beaulah Shavney and Mary Ahtone enjoy a game of food nutrition bingo. The "Get Fresh" healthy food program brought the game to teach seniors about making healthy food choices.

Madill Senior Site member Sue Richards and Chickasaw Nation Division on Aging staff member Pam Nelson enjoyed time together at the conference.

Career development provides important second chances

A recently developed program can help pave the way to employment for Chickasaws who may have hit a rough spot on the road to finding job.

The Career Development Initiative was designed to help individuals with issues which make it difficult to find a job.

Those issues may include a weak work history, child care needs, transportation needs, or a history of substance abuse, among others.

"Rather than looking for a complete application, we are looking for the holes," said Ira Adams, director of the program.

The program helps individuals fill those holes in their application as they create a stable work history, regain their driver's license, complete drug court requirements or deal with other pressing needs.

Participants are encouraged to work full time and receive pay for hours worked. Transportation and room and board are available, if needed.

Those who receive transportation or lodging are required to pay for those services.

Those payments are kept in an account and returned to the participant when they leave the program.

Mark Mershon entered the program in November, 2006.

"I was ready to give up," said Mr. Mershon, a single dad from Sulphur, Okla., who had a number of problems related to substance abuse.

He had no job and no prospects of finding a way to support his twin eight-year-old sons.

The program helped him with steady employment, counseling and support.

This helped restore his self-esteem and his hope for a better life.

"Without this program I hate to think where I'd be," he said.

The program also provides assistance in preparing for the GED exam and college entrance exams. Participants are paid for classroom time as if they were on the job.

Mr. Mershon earned a perfect score on his GED exam and also earned a high score in his ACT college entrance exam.

This fall, he will be attending East Central University where he plans to pursue a degree in Petroleum Engineering.

"A year ago if you'd told me I would be going to school I wouldn't have believed it," he said.

Mr. Mershon said changing the habits that led to his desperate situation has been "a long hard road."

He said workers in the program have done whatever is necessary to help him achieve his goals.

Adams said not all participants are able to progress as quickly as Mr. Mershon.

Drug court requirements and time requirements for restoring a driver's license mean many participants may spend a year to 18 months in the program.

Some of them experience difficulties, including testing positive for drugs or alcohol.

"We are all about second chances," said Adams. ""If they have a problem, that's not reason for termination from the program. That a sign they need help."

Most of the 80 participants in the program work on construction projects at tribal facilities and in the homes of Chickasaw citizens.

Participants are divided into small work crews with a staff member in the program serving as crew chief.

Steel-toed work boots and three work shirts are also provided.

Some of the participants work in the culinary arts program. These individuals are learning the skills necessary to work as professional cooks.

Adams said the goal is to enlarge the culinary arts program and develop additional vocational training programs to provide participants more options.

Adams said many of the participants "graduate" to the landscaping program. Participants in that program work 20 hours per week and attend school half time. They receive full time pay until they have achieved educational goals up to a bachelor's degree.

Brenda Benson, who has been working in the CDI office helping with accounting and computer entry tasks, is one example.

She is moving into the landscaping program, where she plans to train for a career as a medical assistant.

Ms. Benson had high praise for the workers in the CDI.

"They're all good people," she said. "They just go out of their way to help you."

Mr. Mershon agreed.

"They've helped me so much. They're helping me stay clean," he said.

"This is a definite plus for your life. If you're about to give up, this is the perfect program. All you have to do is reach out and accept it.

"In the end, no one can make you better but you, but it's a lot easier with help."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

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that the action was still illegal. To facilitate the process, Interior appraised each section of unallotted timberlands and again virtually no restrictions were placed on buyers.

Interior did face one obstacle: it couldn't execute land patents to white businessmen for lands held in fee simple by Indians. So instead of a patent, the buyer was issued an "unallotted land deed." Nearly all of these that Phillips examined were copies, containing no signatures or seals. He wanted to know if the originals had signatures. He couldn't find many photostatic copies of the originals due to a lack of photostatic equipment at the time. But after examining fourteen photostatic copies of the originals from McCurtain County, Phillips found twelve with rubber-stamped signatures and two with handwritten signatures; one of those contained signatures that "appear in the same handwriting."

Phillips explained that while the timberlands were supposedly withdrawn by the Interior department from allotment for creating a national forest reserve, that didn't happen until the pines on the land (59,000 acres) first had been clearcut by a timber company. Then the company sold the denuded land to the federal government in 1931 as the first purchase of a national forest in eastern Oklahoma. "Even as the federal government was buying back the cutover lands in the Ouachitas, the Department of Interior was still selling unallotted Choctaw [and Chickasaw] timber lands to the lumber companies," Phillips wrote.

Phillips' Alert

This article represents only some of the information uncovered by Phillips. He presented a report based on his research to the Choctaw Tribal Council in April 1982. The council unanimously passed a resolution to pursue a claim to regain alleged Choctaw properties unallotted contrary to federal law.

Afterwards, the University of Oklahoma graduate college notified Phillips that if he made any more presentations on his thesis before it was defended, he would not receive his master's degree. Why was Phillips threatened?

"Evidently, someone's ox would be gored, but I don't have specific evidence," he told me. He added that this action by OU was reminiscent of the university refusing to publish Angie Debo's *And Still the Water Runs* in the late 1930s because it gave an unflattering view of the involvement of state officials in the theft of Indian lands.

Meanwhile, Phillips learned that Choctaw Chief Hollis Roberts instructed the tribal attorney not to pursue the case and that is where it stood, in a state of suspended animation, until 2005 when attorney Jason Aamodt found and photocopied Phillips' 185-page thesis. Appended to the thesis is a crucially important transcript of the 1906 Senate committee hearings during which Secretary Hitchcock was told by members that Congress had not authorized him to sell tribally owned timberlands.

Although many parcels of the timberland had changed hands during the 20th century, the law had not changed nor had the intent of Congress, according to Aamodt.

One Thing Leads to Another

During Aamodt's research, it wasn't long before he realized that the federal government apparently had not provided to the tribes adequate accounting of many other tribal assets, such as the lands that contained large deposits of coal and asphalt. Given that realization, the tribes couldn't make a reasonable claim without first having the government's accounting. Still to beat an impending federal deadline on filing lawsuits against the government, Aamodt, on behalf of both tribes, filed a lawsuit in late December 2005 in a federal district court for western Oklahoma.

But rather than begin the litigation, which could take many years and be very costly financially, the tribes agreed to try to resolve differences amicably by requesting that the judge stay the proceedings so that they and federal government could enter into mediation. Then, the tribes requested from the federal government an inventory of all pertinent financial information associated with tribal assets, said Hartley-Kelso. When the inventory is received, the tribes can target their requests more precisely, she added.

Recently, all parties—the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations and the U.S. selected a mutually satisfactory mediator. The tribe's attorney general said the mediation will begin this fall after all of the requested records have been received by the tribes.

Each party will present its side to the mediator, Aamodt said. "As long as progress is being made, the mediator will allow the process to continue. The mediator is supposed to facilitate compromise and problem-solving, not decide right or wrong."

Hartley-Kelso: "We'll be saying, we think this is what happened. Do you have any information to the contrary? If you don't, this is what we believe our damages should be."

Gov. Anoatubby: "There's no guarantee that we will recover anything. But we think we are preparing a very strong case. We'll have a better feel for it once we enter into the mediation. We're looking forward to the process."

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failure."

That process goes beyond assistance in developing a business plan and completing loan applications.

The center also provides direction for individuals who may need to deal with personal financial or credit issues.

"Maybe they have a great idea that has to wait a while until they get their credit in line," said Case, who added they work with credit counseling services when necessary.

Staff at the center also discuss the advantages of the different types of businesses and provide direction in registering the business with the state.

"There are four types of businesses, said Case. "We list them out. Then we will say, 'based on what you're telling us about your business we would suggest you start an LLC, and here's why.'"

There are a number of grants, loans and loan guarantees available through the CNSBDC and other entities.

For that reason, the CNSBDC works with a number of other government entities and financial institutions to make the best use of all available resources.

For information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Small Business Development Center:

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Chickasaw Nation Small Business Development Center Services

- Assistance developing business plan
- Assistance with completion of financial documents
- Management counseling
- Financial management
- Loan guarantees
- Micro-loans
- Micro-grants

Princess Pageant, continued from page 1

asaw royalty are Chickasaw Princess Monica Seawright, Junior Miss Chickasaw Princess Nacobi Walker and Little Miss Chickasaw Princess Caitlynn Sparlin.

Applications can be picked up at the Youth and Family Services building on Seabrook Road in Ada or on the web at www.chickasaw.net. Applications must then be returned to the Princess Program at the Division of Youth and Family Services, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, OK 74820 by September 1, 2007.

In addition to completing the application, princess hopefuls must write an essay, have three letters of reference from non-relatives and submit a 5x7 self-portrait.

For more information about the Chickasaw Princesses, contact Toni Castleberry at (580) 272-7710.

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Juanita Marian Barnes

Juanita Marian Barnes, 88, died July 9, 2007 at Sand Springs, Okla. Services were July 12, 2007 at Moore's Memory Chapel, Tulsa with Rev. Doyle Baker officiating. Interment was in Woodland Memorial Park, Sand Springs.

Mrs. Barnes was born Oct. 6, 1918 in Wapanucka, Okla., to Charles (Mack) Wilson Fillmore and Kate Elizabeth (Hopewell) Fillmore. Her grandfather Issiac Newton Fillmore was a full blood Chickasaw. She was proud of her Indian heritage and enjoyed going to the Chickasaw Indian Festival at Tishomingo.

She graduated from Fillmore (OK) High School in 1936 and attended Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., for one year. She was saved when she was 17 years old at the Fillmore Baptist Church, Fillmore. She was a member of Revival Baptist Temple at Tulsa.

She married Hailey J. Barnes Nov. 19, 1945 at Claremore, Okla. They were married 61 years.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Millard, Wilson and Kenneth Fillmore; three sisters, Maxine Maxwell, Geraldine Franko and Kathryn Vaughn.

She is survived by her husband, Hailey Barnes; a son, Joe Barnes and wife, Debbie; daughters, Ramona Kaye Owens, and Rebecca G. Kinnan and husband, Robert; grandchildren, Whitney Frazier and husband, Brandon, Jamie Barnes and Jared Kinnan; great-grandchildren, Mikayla Frazier; a sister, Dorothy Rhodes; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

She loved having all the family together for birthdays and holidays. She was a good cook and made delicious homemade pies and cobblers.

We will miss her, but we know she is with the Lord.

Directory established for tribal entrepreneurs

A directory of businesses owned by Chickasaws is being created to help promote economic opportunity for tribal entrepreneurs.

There is no cost to be listed in the directory, which will include the name of the business, contact and location information, as well as information on the goods or services provided by the business.

In addition to a printed directory, a web site will be created to enable electronic access to all information.

Chickasaws with a CDIB who would like to be listed in the directory should provide the information requested on the form below via email to vicky.gold@chickasaw.net or complete the form below and return to *The Chickasaw Times*, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

CHICKASAW NATION BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Date of submission:_____ Regional Chickasaw Council:_____

Company Name:_____

Parent Company name (if applicable):_____

Mailing Address:_____

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Street Address:_____

Phone Number:_____ Fax Number:_____

Email address:_____

Owner's Name:_____ Owner's Title:_____

Other contact person:_____

Brief description of product/services (be specific):_____

Ownership Information:

List all shareholders, officers directors or outside firms that hold an interest in the company. List the percentage of the business they own and list if they possess a CDIB and Tribal affiliation.:

Name/Title Percent Ownership CDIB Tribal Affiliation

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Michael Herman Brown

Services for Michael Herman Brown, 47, of Tishomingo, Okla., were June 8, 2007 at the Ravia (OK) Church of God with Rev. Jonathan Smith officiating and assisted by Mike Arkansas and Te'ata Loper Purcell.

Mr. Brown died June 2, 2007 at Tishomingo.

He was born June 27, 1959 in Talihina to Ezekiel and Caroline Moses Brown.

He was raised in Fillmore, Okla., and lived in Johnston County (OK), his entire life. His grandmother Clemy Holden Brown raised him from a child. He was a 1978 graduate of Milburn High School and attended Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., and played baseball.

He had no children but loved and cherished his niece and nephews as his own.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ezekiel Brown; grandparents, Taylor Brown and Clemy Holden Brown, both full blood Chickasaws; and an infant brother, Johnny Lee Brown.

He is survived by his mother, Caroline Krebb; eight sisters and brothers-in-law, Georgia and Rocky Shaw, Shawnee, Okla., Janette and J.D. Lane, Ravia, Mildred and Johnny Taylor, Maxine Brown, Margie and Mike Arkansas, and Lorene Brown Taylor, all of Tishomingo, Jeanine Brown Smith, Ardmore, Okla.,; and a brother, Cecil Brown, Durant, Okla.; nieces and nephews, Cheyenne Arkansas, Tina, Carla, and Jay Lane, Brandy, Larissa and Ryan Taylor, Te'ata Purcell, Tonya Loper, Patience Green, Trent Carroll, Roxanne, Gracie, Serenity and Morgan Gothard, and Christopher and Kassie McDonald.

He is greatly missed by his sisters, brothers and mother.

Pallbearers were Robert McDonald, Michael Loper, Rocky Shaw, Terry Ragan, Charlie Walker and Garvin Gray. Honorary pallbearers were Christopher McDonald, Allen Beck, David Brown, Jody Brown and Ray Rowe, Sr.

Burial was at Condon Grove Cemetery, Milburn, Okla.

Melvin Edward Maytubby

Melvin Edward Maytubby, 86, died Sunday, July 1, 2007 in Norman, Okla. A memorial service was July 5, 2007 at University Lutheran Church. Graveside service was July 6 at Mill Creek Cemetery, Mill Creek, Okla.

A resident of Norman since 1994, Mr. Maytubby was born Sept. 8, 1920, in Mill Creek. He graduated from Troy High School in Johnston County, Oklahoma. He was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps and a graduate of the Haskell Institute. He went to Washington, D.C., as an employee of the War Department in 1941 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in October 1942. He served in the South Pacific and was honorably discharged in October 1945. After his discharge, the Department of Defense and the National Security Agency employed him, until his retirement in 1975.

He was proud to be a citizen of the Chickasaw Tribe and spent many years tracing his family genealogy.

He was preceded in death by his father, Silas Maytubby; mother, Bessie Hobson Maytubby; a brother, Byron Maytubby; and a sister, Eulita Cornelius.

He is survived by his wife Kathryn; son Bruce and former daughter-in-law Kelly; son Lee and daughter-in-law Debbie; five grandchildren, Kyle, Derek, Bruce Jr., Matthew and Alexandra Maytubby; his brother Benny Maytubby and wife Norma; and a sister, Jean Jones and her husband Jimmie.

In lieu of flowers, it is suggested that a contribution be made in his name to the University Lutheran Church Memorial Fund.

Condolences may be posted online at www.havenbrookfuneralhome.com/Obituaries.htm.

Haley Denise Hicks

Haley Denise Hicks, 7, died July 3, 2007. Funeral services were July 6, 2007 at New Life Assembly of God Church, Calera, Okla., with Rev. Stephen Biggerstaff officiating. Burial was in Rosewood Cemetery, Achille, Okla.

She was born April 11, 2000 to Bryan Keith Baker and Rachel Berniece Hicks.

She was a member of New Life Assembly of God Church and a student at Washington Irving for two years. She loved time with her grandparents, cousins and aunts.

Her hobbies were swinging, riding her bike, playing with her baby sister, Reagan, drawing and coloring, reading and to write stories.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents Thelma and Wilson Blagg; great-grandmother, Bernice Hicks; paternal great-grandfather, William Rose; and step-mother, Christy Head Baker.

She is survived by her mother and step-father, Rachael Musgrove and husband Craig, Durant, Okla.; father, Bryan Baker, Achille; sister, Reagan Musgrove, Durant; maternal grandparents, Ironda and DeLoyd Hicks, Achille; paternal grandparents, Tina and Keith Baker, Achille; maternal great-grandfather, L.D. Hicks, Achille; paternal great-grandparents, Susie and Leo Baker; paternal great-grandmother, Elaine Rose, Madill, Okla.; aunt and uncle, Stephanie and Tim Sullivan, Alex, Okla.; uncle, Michael Bladd, Durant; and aunts, Karin Hicks, Durant, Rebekah Hicks, Achille, and Sarah Hicks, Achille.

Pallbearers were Billy Mullens, Clinton Little, Phillip Williams, Jory Wade, Logan Johnson and Clayton Hamilton.

Kathryn Michelle Kennedy

Kathryn Michelle "Katie" Kennedy, 19, died July 11, 2007. Services were July 14, 2007 at The Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Wichita, Kan.

Miss Kennedy was born Aug. 2, 1987 to William Michael "Mike" and Karen Glover Kennedy at Wichita.

She was of Chickasaw, Choctaw and Cherokee descent. She was a descendant of Choctaw Chief Apuckshunnubbee and Choctaw Governor Tandy Walker. Her great-great-great-grandmother was Mary Ann Cheadle Walker Moncrief Johnston and she was the great-great-great-niece of Chickasaw Governor Douglas Johnston. Her third cousin Mary Jo Green is a Chickasaw Legislator and her great-grandfather Bill Kennedy was a well-known Deacon at the Ada Indian Baptist Church until his death in 1971. Her great-uncle was the famous Chickasaw boxer Curt Kennedy and her cousin Adele Collins was a well-known and successful Chickasaw artist. Her family is of the Chickasaw house of Cush-ke-re and the Chickasaw clan Ich-in-chi as well as the Choctaw clan Oka-la-fa-lay-a.

Miss Kennedy was very active with her church youth group. She was a friend to all and a mentor to many of her peers. She was a budding young Chickasaw artist and photographer having taken many of her classmates senior pictures last year. She was a student at Butler County Community College attending art classes and showing an interest in event planning. A career as a youth minister was in her sights. She was employed at the McConnell Air Force Base Commissary, Wichita.

She was a delight and will be dearly missed by many.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Bill and Ila Kennedy; and grandmother, Mildred Glover.

She is survived by her parents, Mike and Karen Kennedy of the home; a sister, Jenny Kennedy and baby Skye, Olathe, Kan.; a brother, Christopher of the home; grandfather, Oscar Glover, Wichita; four uncles, Patrick Kennedy, Wichita, John Kennedy, Houston, Jim Kennedy, Longview, Texas and Mike Glover, Seattle.

Memorials can be sent to Aldersgate United Methodist Church Youth Fund in Katie Kennedy's name, 7901 W. 21st St. North, Wichita, KS 67205.

Lorene Pettigrew Greenwood

Services for Lorene Geneva Glory Pettigrew Greenwood, 83, Fittstown, Okla., were June 22, 2007. Burial followed in Hickory Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Greenwood died Monday, June 18, 2007, at her home. She was born Nov. 30, 1923, in the Fairview Community, southwest of Sulphur, Okla., to Joe and Serena Fulsom Pettigrew.

She attended Fairview and Valley View schools and graduated from Davis (OK) High School. She lettered in basketball and baseball and won several medals in sports. She won a scholarship to East Central University in basketball. She played the tuba in the high school band and sang in the girl's sextet and glee club. For four years, she was a high school cheerleader and was involved in oratorical contests.

Mrs. Greenwood was active in the Chickasaw community, where she served in the Legislature for the Chickasaw Tribe for seven years. She served as a teacher's aide in the McLish school system and was honored in 2001 by the McLish Alumni Association at the biennial reunion. She was active in the Booster Club at Oklahoma School for the Deaf in Sulphur for her granddaughter, Rebecca.

For many years, Lorene was active in the Hickory Hill Baptist Church. She was saved at the age of 13 during the week of Vacation Bible School at Sandy Baptist Church between Sulphur and Davis. She was baptized the old-fashioned way in a creek.

She married Buster Keaton Greenwood Sept. 11, 1947.

She is survived by a daughter, Juhree Greenwood, Fittstown; a son, Buster Greenwood Jr., Fittstown; granddaughter, Rebecca Greenwood, Fittstown; daughter-in-law, Pat Greenwood, Fittstown; a sister, Irene Digby, Davis; and Andy Imotichey, Long Beach, Calif., whom Lorene and Buster reared as their third son; nephews, Dean Digby and wife Barbara, Ronnie Digby and wife Dixie, and Tony Looney; nieces, Beverly Reynen and husband Bob, and Rhonda McCann and husband Ron.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Buster; a son, Joe Wayne Greenwood; a daughter-in-law, Vicki; sisters, Lucille Looney and Caroline Stribling; and a sister-in-law, Monette.

Bearers were Vernon Robinson, George Old Crow, Kendall Old Crow, Dean Digby, Ronnie Digby, and James Lackey. Honorary bearers will be John Stevenson, Terry Gregory, Gov. Bill Anoatubby, and Gene Durant.

The family says those who wish may make memorials in her name to Hickory Hill Baptist Church, 23090 CR 1560, Stonewall, OK 74871.

Cora Mabel Stick Taylor

Services for Cora Mable Stick Taylor, 78, Ardmore, were May 4, 2007 at High Hill Baptist Church, Ada, with the Rev. Steve Wall officiating. Burial followed at High Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Taylor died April 30, 2007. She was born Dec. 2, 1928, to Lincoln and Melvina Illetewahke Stick, and was raised on the church ground of High Hill Baptist Church.

She attended Bloomfield Schools.

Mrs. Taylor was member of the WMU and served as director from 1990 to 1998. As director, she was involved in local churches in Carter and Pontotoc counties. She volunteered for eight years as a Carter Seminary grandparent. She was a member of the Centerpoint Baptist Church. She was full blood Chickasaw.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Ruth Frazier and Nora Burris; and a brother Woodrow Stick.

Survivors include daughters, Fernie Sampson and husband Ronald, Ardmore, Lorette Easley and husband Joe, Oklahoma City; eight grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and brother J.C. Hawkins and wife Martha, Ada.

Bearers were Neil Burris, Patrick O'Neal, Nicky Frazier, Willard Frazier and Joe Frazier Jr. Honorary bearers are Hoyt Burris, Gabe Burris, David Burris, Phillip Burris, Sherman Frazier, Leonard Frazier, Belvin Frazier and Robbie Frazier.

Note of thanks:

The family of Cora Mabel "Stick" Taylor would like to extend many thanks for all the support received during our time of loss. The flowers, food, phone calls, visits, thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated from everyone. We also extenad a thank you to the ladies from Northeast Baptist Church for coming to her home to sing Choctaw songs.

Thank you,

Fernie Sampson and Loretta Easley